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## IPL 2026: BENGALURU TO FACE HYDERABAD IN SEASON OPENER

The BCCI announced the first set of schedule for the upcoming season, which will begin on March 28, on Wednesday. A look...

**First set of ties announced before states' poll dates**

With dates for Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Assam state elections yet to be confirmed, the BCCI has announced the fixtures of the event till April 12. Guwahati, Kolkata will host three matches while Chennai two | P17

**CHINNASWAMY AWAITS NOD**

While Royal Challengers Bengaluru face Sunrisers Hyderabad at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Mar 28, the venue is yet to get final approval to host matches


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# India-bound ship bombed in Hormuz

WAR WATCH

### RELIANCE TO INVEST IN FIRST U.S. OIL REFINERY

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries will partner in building the first new oil refinery in the US in 50 years, US President Donald Trump said, calling it the "biggest in US history". The new refinery will be located in Brownsville, Texas, and will run entirely on shale oil | P10

### IRAN WILL NOT BE PART OF FIFA WORLD CUP

Iran's sports minister said their men's football team is not likely to participate in the 2026 World Cup. "Given that this corrupt government has assassinated our leader, under no circumstances do we have appropriate conditions to participate in the World Cup." Ahmad Donyamali said

### DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

Iran's new supreme leader Mojtaba Khamenei is injured but "safe", officials said Wednesday

**In the backdrop of rising crude prices, the 32 members of the International Energy Agency announce their largest-ever release of oil reserves, in an effort to calm markets**

**India is not a member of IEA. If oil prices cool, it benefits all. Besides, India has a deal with Russia**

### U.S. BEHEMOTHS CITI AND UK'S DELOITTE EVACUATED OFFICES IN DUBAI, WHILE PWC CLOSED ITS OFFICES IN SAUDI ARABIA

US President Donald Trump said there could be a swift ending to war

**AGENCIES**
@ Tehran, Tel Aviv, Dubai, Washington

IRAN attacked its neighbours and commercial ships on a whim and fancy on Wednesday across the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz and targeted Gulf-allies of the US, escalating a campaign of squeezing the oil-rich region as global energy concerns mounted while American and Israeli airstrikes continued to pummel the Islamic Republic.

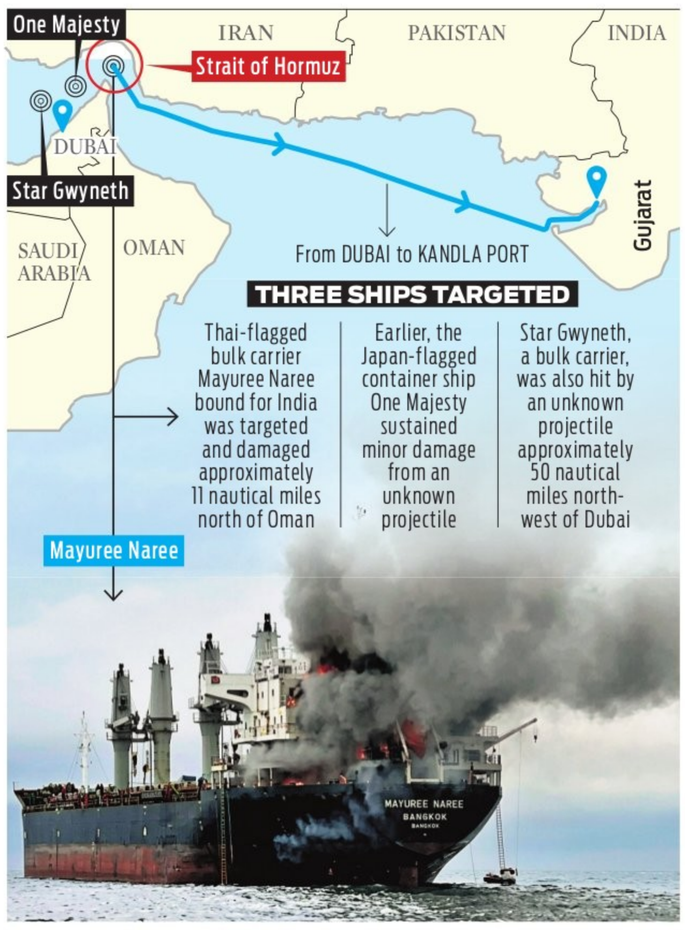
The Iranian military said it regarded any ships in the Strait of Hormuz belonging to the United States, Israel or their allies as "legitimate targets". To this, US President Donald Trump warned that doing so will only escalate the US-Israel war effort.

Earlier in the day, an Iranian projectile hit a Thai cargo ship off the coast of Oman in the Strait of Hormuz, setting it ablaze. The ship was on its way to Kandla in India. Authorities are searching for three missing crew members from the Mayuree Naree after 20 were rescued by the Omani navy. The ship was hit after departing Khalifa port in the UAE.

Iran, late on Wednesday, warned it was ready for a long war of attrition that would "destroy" the world economy. This came hours after Trump said the war is nearing its end. Iran said it would start targeting banks in the Middle East. That would put at risk, particularly Dubai, which is home to many financial institutions, as well as Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

The UN Security Council was to vote later Wednesday on a resolution by Gulf Cooperation Council demanding Iran stop attacking its Arab neighbours.

Israel and US said they launched a new wave of strikes" across Iran.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From DUBAI to KANDLA PORT
Gujarat
THREE SHIPS TARGETED
Thai-flagged bulk carrier Mayuree Naree bound for India was targeted and damaged approximately 11 nautical miles north of Oman
Earlier, the Japan-flagged container ship One Majesty sustained minor damage from an unknown projectile
Star Gwyneth, a bulk carrier, was also hit by an unknown projectile approximately 50 nautical miles north-west of Dubai
Mayuree Naree
MAYUREE NAREE
BANGKOK

# LS junks no-confidence motion against Speaker

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

AFTER nearly 10 hours of acrimonious exchanges between the Treasury and Opposition benches, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday rejected a no-confidence motion against Speaker Om Birla through a voice vote.

The motion, moved by several Opposition parties accusing the Speaker of conducting House proceedings in a partisan manner, was declared defeated by the Chair amid loud protests and sloganeering by the Opposition over remarks made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah about Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi.

Responding to the two-day debate on the motion, Shah launched a sharp attack on Rahul Gandhi, making critical remarks about his conduct in Parliament. His comments triggered strong protests from Opposition members, who trooped into the Well of the House demanding an apology.

Amid the uproar, BJP MP Jagdambika Pal, who was presiding over the proceedings, announced that the no-trust motion was defeated by a voice vote. The government was expected to defeat the motion comfortably, with the NDA's 293 MPs in the House against the opposition's 238.

Defending Birla, Shah said the Lok Sabha speaker serves as a neutral custodian, representing both the ruling party and the opposition.

Shah accused Gandhi of frequently skipping key parliamentary sessions. "You can't complain about the Speaker not allowing time as you are always on foreign trips during the session."

Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi interjected during the debate saying that he was stopped from speaking on multiple occasions.

# Close shave for Farooq as man opens fire

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

NATIONAL Conference president and former J&K chief minister Farooq Abdullah had a close shave with the death on Wednesday evening after the attacker attempted to shoot him from point blank range.

The timely intervention of his security guards deflected the shot and saved him.

A CCTV clip of the attack has gone viral on social media.

In the clip, the attacker can be seen walking just behind Abdullah and Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Singh Choudhary during a marriage ceremony of party leader B S Chouhan's son at the posh Greater Kailash locality of Jammu. The assailant suddenly breached the security of Abdullah and pointed his pistol at his neck ready to shoot him.

Fortunately, the NSG commandos guarding Abdullah noticed it in the nick of time and deflected the shot and overpowered the attacker. He was identified as Kamal Singh Jamwal, 65, of Purani Mandi, Jammu.

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### Exports, demand drop crash egg prices by ₹2

Bengaluru: Egg prices have dropped from ₹7.06 per piece to ₹4.60 in the state because of disruption of exports to Gulf countries, seasonal demand fluctuations and religious observances, said the National Egg Coordination Committee | P6

### In landmark first, Supreme Court allows passive euthanasia for man in coma for over 13 years

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed the withdrawal of artificial life support to Harish Rana, now 32, who has remained a vegetative state for the past 13 years. The ruling by a bench of justices J B Pardiwala and K V Viswanathan marks the first ever passive euthanasia in the country. Passive euthanasia is the intentional act of letting a patient, who has remained in a vegetative state for a long period of time and has no chance of recovery, to die by withdrawing the life support | P3,11



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• Nakshatra: Moola 10.44 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
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Sunset 06.29 pm
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Moonset 12.37 pm

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# HC notice to civic officials on legality of One-Time Opportunity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE High Court on Wednesday issued a notice to the principal secretary of the urban development department, Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) chief commissioner, the commissioners of all five city corporations and other authorities regarding a PIL challenging the One-Time Opportunity process.

A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Poonacha passed the order after hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by K Laxmana, a retired government servant and city-based social worker.

The PIL alleged that the electronic displays violated safety norms and environmental regulations, and their owners were misusing the One-Time Opportunity process to convert them into commercial advertisements spaces.

"Declare that Rule 8(7)(vii) of the Greater Bengaluru Area (Advertisement) Rules, 2025, which allows conversion of self-serve electronic or digital advertisement (LED and LCD) hoardings to commercial advertisements through a One-Time Opportunity process, is arbitrary, capricious, unconstitutional, and liable to be struck down," prayed the petitioner, requesting the court to quash the urban development department's order dated February 4, 2026, appointing a nodal officer for the implementation of the One-Time Opportunity process.

According to the petitioner, on the directions of the high court in 2018, the then BBMP Council passed the Outdoor Signage and Public Messaging Bye-Laws, 2018, which imposed a complete ban on installation of commercial hoardings in Bengaluru, citing environmental and safety grounds. However, the BBMP continued to grant permissions for self-serve electronic or digital advertisements on private properties under the 2018 Bye-Laws.

These permissions were granted in flagrant violation of the Section 158 of the BBMP Act, 2020, which mandates written permission of the chief commissioner for all advertisements.

Despite advertisement tax arrears totalling Rs 323.12 crore across the erstwhile eight zones of BBMP until 2016, permissions for self-serve electronic or digital advertisements were granted to properties with pending dues.

In addition, these self-serve electronic or digital advertisement boards are now brazenly displaying commercial advertisements for unrelated products and services, amounting to a complete breach of permission conditions, and GBA has failed to take suitable action against such violations, the petition said.

The Greater Bengaluru Area (Advertisement) Rules, 2025, published on January 13, 2026, seek to legitimise these illegal activities through Rule 8(7)(vii), which provides a 'One Time Opportunity' for self-serve electronic digital advertisements by way of the implementation of the impugned government order as well as the letter dated February 13, 2026, the petitioner alleged.

# Finish road works by April-end: GBA chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao gave instructions to complete development work undertaken in the five urban corporations under GBA jurisdiction, by April-end.

He stated that the Chief Minister's Infrastructure Development Scheme has been allocated Rs 1,000crore for ward development and Rs 1,241 crore for asphalting works of main and sub-main roads under the Capital Support Scheme for Special Infrastructure. Rao directed the engineers to expedite development works of main and sub-main roads and ward roads in the city.

"Before the onset of the monsoon, dredging of canals and asphalting should be completed by end of April, working day and night. Engineers must submit a report with photographs after work starts," he said.

Rao also spoke about development of Suraksha-75 junctions and said the urban planner and WRI under the chief engineer of the planning and coordination department should inspect the maps of junction works and works undertaken, and submit a report to the chief engineer. Based on the report, officers in charge of junctions should focus on development work and develop them so the public can cross roads safely and use the junctions smoothly.

"Officers from the quality control department at the municipal level should maintain the quality of junction work and confirm its quality," he said.

Central Municipal Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan said asphalting work has already started in most places. Officers have been instructed to take up work in the remaining sections quickly, and complete them within the time limit. Work has already started at two places.

Additional Development Commissioners Digvijay Bodke, Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar, Naveen Kumar, Raju, and all chief engineers and executive engineers of various divisions were present.

EXPRESS READ

**Women's Day celebrated at Rail Wheel Factory**

BENGALURU: International Women's Day was celebrated at the Rail Wheel Factory (RWF) in Bengaluru on March 11. Smaranika Pradhan, President of the RWF Women's Welfare Organisation, was the chief guest. She spoke about the immense potential of women to excel in all fields and stressed that empowering women is key to achieving true gender equality. The function was presided over by Manoranjan Pradhan, General Manager of RWF. Dr. Shailashree Haridas, Dean of the Faculty of Management and Economics at PES University, Bengaluru, delivered the guest lecture highlighting women's multifaceted roles and the importance of passion, clear goals, hard work, and dedication. Competition prizes to women employees were distributed. **ENS**

GAS TROUBLE

Staffers at 99 Varieties Dosa Corner near Lalbagh prepare snacks using a charcoal stove due to shortage of commercial LPG cylinders in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

# Hotels' association urges CS to ensure 50% LPG supply

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

REPRESENTATIVES of the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels' Association (BBHA) and officials of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bengaluru division, on Wednesday met Chief Secretary (CS) Shalini Rajneesh and apprised her of the tough situation being faced by the restaurants and other eateries because of the ongoing commercial gas cylinder shortage. They urged her to ensure supply of at least 50% of the normal requirement to ease the situation.

The Association's President PC Rao said the IOC officials expressed their helplessness, saying that the 20% stoppage was done on the direction of the Central government. "If the government issues a direction to release commercial gas cylinders, the IOC will resume supply," he said, adding that the CS has assured them to look into the matter and send a data-based report to the Central government.

Rao said the situation has become more grave as around 10 hotels have been closed in Bengaluru due to non availability of commercial gas cylinders, and many hotels have trimmed their menus. He said owners are worried that their workers will return to their native places if the hotels are shut for a longer duration. "Once they leave, it is difficult to say whether they will return or not. It is very difficult to fill the gap in the workforce, which is the backbone of the hotel industry."

According to the association, Bengaluru has at least 30,000 medium-range hotels. "We have received information that around 10 hotels dependent on commercial gas cylinders have been closed, and if the situation continues for another day or two, hundreds more may have to shut down. In Bengaluru, the commercial gas cylinder supply is almost nil."

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>
> PC Rao, BBHA president

> **The PG owners' association has more than 500 members across the city. We are trying to stabilise LPG supply in consultation with the relevant government authorities**
>
> Arun Kumar, PG owners' association

A closed CNG station near Nayandahalli in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

# CNG autos, cabs jittery over fuel crunch, price hike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

AMID concerns over tightened LPG supplies in the city, CNG vehicle users, particularly auto-rickshaw drivers, and CNG cab driver said they are facing the brunt of the price rising from Rs 15 to Rs 20 per kg. Still they are rushing to filling stations fearing a possible disruption in CNG availability.

Auto drivers say rising CNG prices are adding to their difficulties. Fuel costs have increased from around Rs 64 per kg earlier this month to nearly Rs 80 per kg now, putting pressure on daily earnings.

Rudramurthy, General Secretary of the Autorickshaw Drivers Union (ARDU), said drivers are reluctant to increase fares despite the steep hike. "If we ask for more money, commuters may refuse to travel," he said. With most rides booked through app-based platforms where fares are fixed in advance, drivers say they have little flexibility to offset the rising costs.

Tanveer Pasha, president of the Ola-Uber Drivers' and Owners' Association, said the situation has become increasingly difficult for drivers. According to him, CNG prices have also increased by Rs 15 to Rs 20 per kg.

He added that supply constraints are also causing problems, with drivers facing long waiting times at filling stations due to limited stock and pressure issues in storage tanks. "Stocks are not reaching regularly, and the waiting time has increased significantly," he said.

# Assn asks PGs to trim food menus, suggests joint cooking

MOHAMMED YACOOB
@ Bengaluru

HARD-pressed by the ongoing commercial LPG shortage, the PG (paying guest) Owners' Welfare Association, Bengaluru, has issued a circular to all its members asking to knock off idlis, dosas, rotis, chapatis and non-vegetarian food items from their menus. The decision has been made because the preparation of these items consumes more gas, it said.

Association President Arun Kumar TD said the curbs will help PG owners extend the food service for at least seven more days. "We have asked the PG owners to serve rice items, salads and sprouts," he said.

Kumar said they were speaking to inmates, apprising them of the current situation, and has sought their cooperation. "The association has more than 500 members across the city. We have issued them key instructions and recommendations. The association and PG managements are trying to stabilise LPG supply in consultation with the relevant government authorities," he said.

The association has also recommended the use of induction stoves, electric rice cookers at facilities with more than 50 inmates. It has suggested joint cooking by nearby PGs till regular supply is restored, besides trying to bring cooking gas from smaller towns where demand is low.

## Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

**12th March : Cantankerous Capricorn Moon We needn't fear the shadows. They show us where the edges are. Without shadows, the world would be a whiteout. No shapes could appear, nothing distinct, nothing interesting, nothing seen. The Capricorn moon throws shade to Neptune, Saturn and Venus in turn, reminding us that contrast is the mechanism of understanding. Dark gives meaning to everything illuminated.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Because you keep your word, you keep the trust of everyone you deal with. Of course, it's always easier to do when you don't offer too much. Make it easy on yourself by underpromising so you can overdeliver.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Self-knowledge can never really be complete. You're curious and nonjudgmental when it comes to learning about others, and you deserve the same kindness when learning about yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21 - June 21)
You like to do things your own way, and getting too much instruction or feedback before you've had a chance to figure things out for yourself can feel annoying or intrusive. Your instinct is to rebel.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22)
Today's happiness is a natural outcome of focusing on what needs attention and leaving the rest alone. So, your ability to discern between issues and nonissues is your ticket to ride.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You are prone to wanting too narrowly for your own good today. Like sticky flowers meant to trap busy bees, there are games that people don't even realize they are playing until they are too deep inside them to turn back.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Life's the kind of teacher whose lectures seem to drift off-topic, but at the perfect moment, the lesson comes back around and helps you out -- maybe even saves the day. So you keep listening up and taking notes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Something coming up feels like a school project with multiple elements contributing to your "grade." It will take some planning to bring it all together, but this will be fun work... that is, as long as you don't wait until the last minute.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Keep tracking your progress, taking notes, keeping your calendar up to date and sharing what you know. Later it will be helpful to look back and see how you got to the new and better place so you can repeat successful actions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Whether professional, romantic, creative or other, the bonds between people are built in similar ways, with compatible chemistry, mutual admiration and logistic compatibility. When you find all three, the potential is endless.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You'll be in a position to motivate people, starting with yourself. People are motivated by various things, but two of them stand out today: fear or inspiration. Fear is faster. Inspiration is more pleasant.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Everyone seems to have an opinion today, but these hot takes are only helpful if they are on the topics you wish to gather data about. You're working on something important. Productivity will depend on protecting your time and energy.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
As Dumbo proved in flight, often the magic is in you, not the feather. But it helps to believe it. You're also respectful of other people's beliefs, which puts you in the receptive attitude that attracts maximum assistance from anywhere and everywhere.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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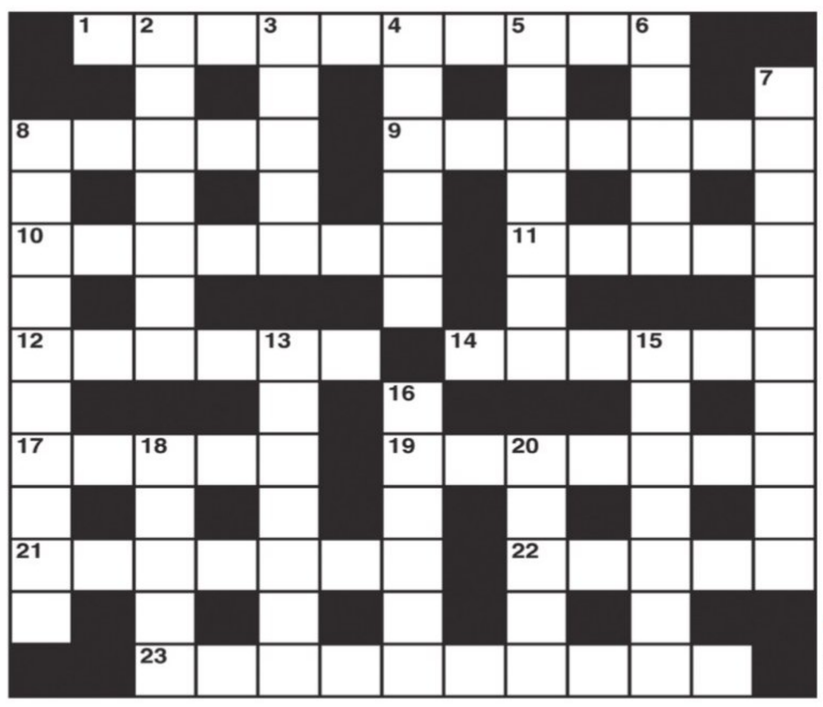

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**

1 Final arrival has complaint and is persisting (7,3)
8 A pie's turning brown (5)
9 A unit is ordered to somewhere in North Africa (7)
10 Perfect example of a work in Latin (7)
11 The mark of a beast marks the trail (5)
12 It means one's refusing in code perhaps (2,4)
14 It follows a gale at sea too (2,4)
17 It caters for the rest of the drivers (5)
19 Displayed - a willingness to invest? (4,3)
21 He seeks relaxation - I trust nothing disturbs him (7)
22 Goes out of play (5)
23 Giving but quietly feeling bitter about it? (10)

**DOWN**

1 A couple of pages to praise and praise (7)
3 What's wrong with the weather? Signs of warning (5)
4 Spot something on the board (6)
5 Large volume one may take to work (7)
6 She provides some excellent essays (5)
7 Moons around site all set for development (10)
8 Stepfather is a ship's officer (6,4)
13 Make an impact (7)
15 Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
16 The clergy adopt Eastern dress (6)
18 Hit the first bump (5)
20 It holds the unloved Emperor motionless (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Screws, 4 Entrap, 9 Tally-ho, 10 Vital, 11 Lydia, 12 Terrace, 13 Good offices, 18 Chianti, 20 Lehar, 22 Trier, 23 Epsilon, 24 Cancan, 25 Edited.

**Down:** 1 Settle, 2 Ruled, 3 Wayward, 5 Never, 6 Rat race, 7 Pallet, 8 Post offices, 14 Opinion, 15 Ill-used, 16 Acetic, 17 Craned, 19 Norma, 21 Holst.

## JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GLOAT AUDIT UNWISE VISION
Answer: The long line to get into the bagel shop was proof that the food was — OUTSTANDING

Customs officers at Kempegowda International Airport T2 arrested three inbound passengers from Bangkok and seized 17.14 kg of hydroponic ganja, in three separate cases. The biggest bust was on March 6, with 10.94 kg of ganja recovered, estimated at around Rs 3.83 crores. Around 1.7 kg (59 lakh) and 4.5 kg (1.57 crore) of the drugs was seized on March 8 and 10 respectively

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# Experts welcome SC verdict on passive euthanasia

BALA CHAUHAN @ bengaluru

ON Wednesday, the Supreme Court allowed the country's first case of passive euthanasia -- withdrawal of artificial life support -- for 32-year-old Harish Rana, who has been in a coma for more than 12 years since his fall from the fourth floor of a building in 2013, which left him with severe brain injury and in a permanent vegetative state. He has been sustaining on Clinically Administered Nutrition (CAN) with no signs of recovery. A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and KV Viswanathan on Wednesday permitted the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment for Rana.

"Withdrawal of life support treatment is humane, done after a great deal of thought, consultation and guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court. It is managed by a medical team and ensures the person does not suffer," said Dr Nagesh Simha, medical director, Karunashraya (hospice), Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar, hailing the apex court verdict on Rana.

"Over the last 15-odd years with multiple judgments -- the most recent one in 2023 -- supported also by evidence-based guidelines, there is now a well-defined process recommended for the institution of palliative care and providing dignity to the dying process after establishing 'futility of care'," said Dr Sunil Karanth, chairman, head of department & consultant - Critical Care Medicine, Manipal Hospitals, Old Airport Road, Bengaluru.

In India, the debate over euthanasia has been contentious, balancing the right to die with dignity against fears of potential misuse and the sanctity of life. "While the Supreme Court legalized passive euthanasia and 'living will' in 2018 in the Common Cause vs Union of India case (revisiting guidelines in 2023 for practical ease), active euthanasia remains a criminal offence," said Professor, Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (Nimhans) Suresh Bada Math.

Families of terminally ill persons undergo a painful "slow-motion catastrophe leading to emotional exhaustion and systemic financial ruin. For many families, the experience is not simply watching illness, but living in a prolonged state of uncertainty, suspended grief and moral burden. The trauma lies in the paradox: the person is still alive, yet the relationship as it existed before may already feel lost. In India, it is more of economic trauma of paying hospital bills, emotional trauma of providing care and physical exhaustion of looking after the comatose patient," added the senior psychiatrist from Nimhans.

On the question on when and at what point families take the decision to seek medical withdrawal of sustained life support (WSLT), Bada Math said, "Following the Supreme Court judgment in Common Cause vs Union of India, withdrawal or withholding of life-sustaining treatment is permissible under defined safeguards, particularly when aligned with the patient's wishes or best interests. As per the court decision, two medical boards, judicial officer and finally family members need to accept passive euthanasia," explained Bada Math, while underscoring the right to health. "Right to die with dignity should be enabled only when the right to health is made available for every citizen," he added.

'WASTE'D CHANCE

# Garbage piles up, but methane lost

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WASTE management is a major concern in Bengaluru, as the garbage piling up cannot be utilised now. The city generates around 5000 tonnes of waste a day, and this is apart from the eight legacy waste units with piles of 86,40,784 tonnes (MT) garbage which has little or no use.

The Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) waste-to-energy plant in Bidadi does not accept legacy waste. It demands fresh, well segregated dry waste of 600 tonnes on a daily basis to generate 11.5MW power.

Greater Bengaluru Authority is also dragging its feet on setting up the biogas plant. After holding discussions for two years, an agreement was signed in September 2025 between GBA, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) and Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), for setting up a waste-to-gas generation plant. Groundwork to set up the centre at the Karnataka Compost Development Corporation (KCDC) centre in Kudlu was finalised on 18 acres of land.

A GAIL official said, "Execution of the project will take 18 months. Soil testing is being done and environmental clearances being obtained." The plant will require 300 tonnes of segregated fresh wet waste every day to generate gas that can be used for domestic and commercial purposes.

Urban Development Department sources said, "Since waste in the dump yards has been piled for years, all the methane has escaped. It cannot be used for gasification or energy generation, making the piles of waste useless. Methane is the key element for gas or power generation. Bioremediation and biomining is the only solution before the corporation. . Companies are not showing interest and the ones that do, leave soon due to red tape and corruption."

As per Rule-15 (ZJ) of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016, urban local authorities should investigate and analyze all open dump sites and existing operational dump sites for their potential of biomining and bioremediation.

Chief Executive Officer of BSWML, Karee Gowda said, in Mandur's Phase-1 site, biomining for 9,25,000 MT of the total pile of 10,83,383 MT has started. Work for bioremediation at Bellahalli dump site has also started. However, work on the remaining six sites where 39,07,401 MT of legacy waste is piled, is yet to begin. Each of them are in different stages of progress. Biomining and bioremediation take a very long time due to the magnitude of the load. But there is no other alternative as there are no takers for the legacy waste, he said and added that they were tabulating the total cost of the waste in the city.

UNDER SUMMER SKIES

A crow rests on a fence as the sun sets in the background in Bengaluru on Wednesday evening. The city has been witnessing clear skies, keeping the maximum temperature above the 30 degrees Celsius-mark | KEVIN NASHON

# Prison warder caught smuggling drugs, cash

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Prakash

THE Parappana Agrahara police arrested Prakash Gavade, a warder of Bengaluru Central Prison for allegedly attempting to smuggle prohibited substances, including drugs, into the prison premises by concealing them in his undergarments. Police said, on Monday by 6.30 pm, the warder was intercepted at the inspection section of the prison entrance in Parappana Agrahara, during a routine security check while reporting for duty.

Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) personnel found Rs 1,610 in cash and two suspicious objects wrapped in black tape concealed in his undergarments. One of the objects contained a tobacco-like prohibited substance filled in a plastic tube, while the other contained a white-coloured narcotic substance.

The Parappana Agrahara police have registered a case under Section 323 (dishonest removal or concealment of property) of the BNS, provisions of the Karnataka Prison Act, and the NDPS Act. The accused is being questioned about who he intended to supply the prohibited items to.

EXPRESS READ

### Woman held in bonded labour case

UDUPI: Police arrested a woman in a case of alleged bonded labour and atrocities against a Scheduled Tribe community member, forced to work for nearly 30 years in Kundapur, without wages or basic facilities. The accused, Rajani Shetty, is a resident of Kabbailu, in Udupi. Naga (65) was brought to work around 30 years ago, by her father. **ENS**

### Two men arrested under POCSO Act

BELAGAVI: The Additional District and Sessions Special Fast Track POCSO Court-01 in Belagavi, sentenced Irappa Dhanakar (24) to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment for the abduction and rape of an underage girl. In another case, the court sentenced Sachin Appayya Nayak (26) to three years in prison for sexually harassing a minor. **ENS**

**DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE**
4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
**O.A. No.1328/2024**

Between : **STATE BANK OF INDIA,** RACPC III Banaswadi (Lending Branch) Represented by its Chief Manager, Mr. Nagendra N., Stressed Asset Recovery Branch, (SARB), J. C. Road, Bangalore - 560 002 , Email ID : sbi.05173@ sbi.co.in, PAN No.AAACS8577K, IFSC Code : SBIN0005173, Mobile No. 9480841423 ...Applicant

AND

**Mr. S. Ramesh and Another** ....Defendants

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT No.1 THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION**

**To : 1. Mr. S. Ramesh** S/o. Mr. Siddappa M. Aged about 39 years, No. 13, Mahidhara Fortune City, Hosur Main Road, near Toll Gate, Attibele, Bangalore - 562 107, PAN No. AOXPR2345L

Also having Address at : **A) Office :Mr. S. Ramesh, Apotex Pharma Chem India Pvt Ltd.,** Project Engineering Department, Plot No. 1 A, Bommasandra Industrial Area, 4th Phase, Jigani Link Road, Bangalore - 560 099. ...**Defendant No. 1**

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**3.**Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal, on this the **10.12.2025** at Bangalore.

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**Understanding Hyperkalemia: When Your Kidneys Can't Keep Potassium in Check**

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**Your kidneys** play a crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance of minerals in your body, including potassium. When this balance goes wrong, a condition called **hyperkalemia** – dangerously high potassium levels – can develop, creating a recurring health challenge.

**What Is Hyperkalemia?**

Potassium is essential for proper muscle and nerve function, especially for your heart. **Healthy kidneys act like sophisticated filters,** removing excess potassium through urine to maintain safe blood levels. However, when kidney function becomes impaired for any reason, **potassium can accumulate dangerously in your bloodstream.**

**Why Hyperkalemia Keeps Coming Back**

**The recurring nature of hyperkalemia** makes it particularly challenging for patients and healthcare providers. Studies show that **patients who experience one hyperkalemia episode face significantly higher risks of future episodes,** creating an ongoing cycle that requires constant management[1].

**Various kidney conditions** can trigger this recurrent pattern, including:

- **Acute kidney** injury from infections or medications
- **Chronic kidney** disease from diabetes or high blood pressure
- **Kidney stones** causing temporary dysfunction
- **Certain medications** that affect kidney potassium handling

**Recognizing the Warning Signs**

- **Hyperkalemia episodes often follow predictable patterns.** Key symptoms include:
- **Muscle weakness or unusual fatigue**
- **Heart palpitations or irregular heartbeat**
- **Nausea, vomiting, or tingling sensations**
- **The most dangerous aspect is that severe hyperkalemia can cause life-threatening heart rhythm problems** without obvious warning signs[2].

**Breaking the Recurring Cycle**

- **Managing recurrent hyperkalemia** requires a comprehensive approach:
- **Regular kidney function monitoring** through blood tests
- **Dietary modifications** to limit high-potassium foods like bananas, oranges, and potatoes
- **Medication reviews** with your healthcare provider
- **Newer potassium-binding treatments** that can help prevent recurrence[3]

**Take Action for Your Kidney Health**

**Don't ignore recurring symptoms.** Early detection and proactive management can prevent serious complications. Work closely with your healthcare team to develop a personalized monitoring plan that protects both your kidney function and heart health.

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BJP MLCs on Wednesday said that there has been no recruitment in veterinary hospitals in the state for three years. DS Arun, Hemalatha Nayak and SV Sankanur of BJP criticised the government for not taking steps to fill vacant posts of doctor in veterinary hospitals and clinics across the state. Animal Husbandry Minister K Venkatesh said the government has initiated steps to fill 400 posts of veterinary officer through the KPSC

# Cong brass decision on leadership row after K'taka budget session?

## CM likely to visit Delhi if called by high command; 25-30 senior netas demand cabinet post

**DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI**
@ Bengaluru

AMID the ongoing budget session of the state legislature, speculation is rife that the Congress high command has reached a decision on the leadership change issue, which will culminate in an official announcement as soon as the session concludes on March 27. The top brass will take a decision in consultation with both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, informed sources told *The New Indian Express*.

Shivakumar, who on Tuesday hosted a dinner for Congress legislators to mark six years as Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) chief, has reportedly conveyed to the high command that he is ready to quit as state Congress president, sources added. "He will resign as soon as the high command gives him a green signal," a Congress leader said.

Now, the ball is in the high command's court to take a call on both the CM's post and that of the KPCC chief. The development is significant in the wake of Shivakumar saying that he will not reveal whom he met during his recent two-day visit to Delhi.

A senior Congress legislator told *The New Indian Express* that the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chief, Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and AICC president, Mallikarjun Kharge, held deliberations over the issue of leadership change. Kharge had reportedly told Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi recently that the issue would be sorted out soon.

Siddaramaiah is likely to visit Delhi, if the high command calls him, after the budget session of the state legislature. Siddaramaiah's camp, however, believes that he would seek the high command's nod for a cabinet reshuffle. But Shivakumar's camp is confident of the top brass replacing the Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, a group of 25-30 senior Congress legislators led by Sagar MLA Beluru Gopalakrishna will meet over dinner on Thursday evening to stake a claim for a cabinet berth. "Several first-time MLAs are lobbying for a cabinet berth. If they can, why can't us, who have won 3-4 times, stake claim? We will convey it to the CM and Deputy CM and will also go to Delhi to meet our high command leaders," Beluru told reporters on Wednesday.

# At CLP meet, Siddu hints at presenting next budget

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Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar greets CM Siddaramaiah ahead of the Congress Legislature Party meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday | PIC: X

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah used the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting to send out a message that he will continue as CM for the full term, and claimed he will present the 18th budget for the fiscal year 2027-28. "In my next budget, I will ensure that each and every minister speaks on the demands of their departments," he was quoted as saying by a legislator.

Meanwhile, Malavalli MLA and Karnataka Pollution Control Board chairman PM Narendraswamy raised the issue of delay in the decision to implement internal quota for SCs as it will damage the party's prospects. He appealed to the CM to resolve the issue at the earliest, suggesting a meeting of all MLAs hailing from SC communities before the March 27 special cabinet meeting called to take a decision. A consensus should be evolved, he added.

Many MLAs sought more grants, which Siddaramaiah promised to consider in the supplementary budget if adequate revenue is generated. "The budget has been well prepared. More funds have been given to all departments than last time. Although the expected assistance from the Centre has not been received, the financial position is good," Siddaramaiah stated.

He advised ministers to be present in both Houses, and urged Legislative Assembly and Council members to actively participate in the proceedings.

According to a source, he gave tips to MLAs to communicate in an effective language with the people on issues of petrol and gas to counter the BJP. He said every MLA should participate in the budget discussion with the correct facts and figures. Siddaramaiah advised the ruling party to collectively fight the opposition and not budge under their verbal attack. Almost all ministers and legislators took part in the meeting.

### MLAs lock horns

The CLP witnessed tense moments when Bangarpete MLA SN Narayanaswamy locked horns with Sringeri MLA TD Rajegowda. Narayanaswamy alleged that Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue Rajendra Kumar Kataria is indifferent to him and even targeted him for demanding the officer be transferred. "About 50 MLAs have signed a letter and submitted to the CM, appealing that the officer be changed, but he is targeting me," said Narayanaswamy, a former revenue official. Rajegowda took strong exception to Narayanaswamy and alleged that he was indirectly targeting Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda, despite his good work. DCM DK Shivakumar intervened and instructed legislators not to speak about issues related to bureaucrats at CLP meetings. Narayanaswamy walked out of CLP, according to sources.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who set a record by presenting his 17th budget as Finance Minister recently, and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who completed six years as KPCC president, were felicitated.

# Retired judge probing fake certificates racket: Reddy

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TRANSPORT Minister Ramalinga Reddy said on Wednesday that an investigation by a retired judge is on into allegations of issuing fake diploma certificates to promote clerks in the Transport Department.

Replying to TA Sharavana of JDS in the Council, Reddy said prima facie evidence suggests irregularities, involving not just the Transport Department, but also the Technical Education Department. Retired judge Narayana will conduct an investigation. A gazette notification in this regard has been issued.

Drawing the minister's attention to candidates writing exams in Mysuru and Belagavi and also in Bengaluru within one hour, Sharavana sought action against those involved in the racket. Reddy said stern action will be taken against those found guilty.

Sharavana said the officials delayed in taking action despite submitting documents in December last.

JDS MLC TA Sharavana addresses the Council on Wednesday | EXPRESS

**POLITICAL LESSONS**

Students watch the proceedings of the Legislative Council in Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Sustainable data centre policy on anvil: Priyank

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
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THE Karnataka government is planning a sustainable data centre policy, with concerns over huge environmental costs and requirement of a large quantity of water and power, said IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge. He said the existing policy on data centres is being reviewed because of environmental concerns.

Kharge said generating 1MW requires one acre and Rs 70 crore. "We have to spend 25 million litres of water per MW per year per data centre. If you ask five question on ChatGPT, 500ml of water is needed, consumption is so high. But there is new technology, and treated water can be used. We will relook the existing policy and come up with a sustainable one," he told the Assembly.

According to the minister, data centres are needed for AI and other emerging technologies, but they also require a large quantity of water. Kharge was answering Doddaballapur MLA Dheeraj Muniraju, who had raised the issue of data centre shortage in Bengaluru, in spite of its IT capital status. The government has not set up data centre parks anywhere, because of which private players are forced to shift to different places. Mumbai has the highest number of data centres, followed by Chennai and Delhi. Bengaluru is in fifth place but in the first spot when it comes to Artificial Intelligence technology, social media, online platforms, cloud computing and other technologies. For all these, there is a need for large data centres.

Dheeraj pointed out that the KWIN City project in Doddaballapur is coming up, for which land acquisition is happening in a big way. All big companies like Google, Amazon, Microsoft, NTT, Oracle etc are headquartered in Bengaluru, therefore there is a need to retain their data centres in Bengaluru. He urged the government to establish a data centre park in Doddaballapur.

In response, Kharge said there are 32 private data centres in Karnataka. "We already have a data centre policy which is three years old. We are reviewing it. Data centres are heavy water and energy guzzlers, so we are thinking of bringing in a sustainable data centre policy for Karnataka. We are focusing more on coastal Karnataka as discussions are on with private companies to lay sub-sea cables. We have already written to the Union telecom ministry about it. They have replied that they cannot do it, but will cooperate if private companies come forward to lay sub-sea cables," he said. Kharge said the government has already earmarked land for KWIN City in Doddaballapur.

## *AI, digital adoption to be part of upcoming MSME policy*

BENGALURU: The Karnataka government is considering the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital transformation guidelines into its upcoming MSME policy to help local manufacturers prepare for future industrial challenges, said Rohini Sindhuri, Secretary, Department of MSME, Sugar and Textiles. Speaking after inaugurating the state-level stakeholder consultation workshop organised at KASSIA Bhavan on Wednesday, she said they are gathering industry inputs to formulate a comprehensive MSME policy. Sindhuri said Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises account for nearly 97 per cent of the total industrial units in Karnataka, and remain one of the largest generators of employment in the state. Recognising the sector's importance, the government has initiated the process of drafting a dedicated policy to strengthen and modernise the MSME ecosystem. "As a first step, we have organised this state-level stakeholder consultation workshop. In the coming weeks, similar regional-level consultations will be conducted across districts to ensure broader participation and industry feedback," she said. The proposed policy will place technology and innovation at its core, enabling MSMEs to adapt to rapidly evolving global markets. The government is exploring the introduction of specific AI and digital adoption frameworks for MSMEs, aimed at enhancing productivity, competitiveness and technological readiness. **ENS**

# Denied BJP MLC ticket, Lingaraj Patil quits post

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**
@ Hubballi

UPSET with the BJP's decision to field SV Sankanur from West Graduate constituency of the Legislative Council for the third time, senior BJP leader Lingaraj Patil quit as chairman of Disciplinary Committee of the BJP state unit.

Patil said despite serving the party for 37 years, he has been forced to beg for the ticket. "The party no longer needs me. I am greatly upset by the party's attitude. Those coming from the other parties are being entertained repeatedly," he alleged.

Patil said he would remain with the BJP but asked the party to reconsider its decision.

Patil said the party's core committee had shortlisted his name along with Sankanur. He said Sankanur had promised that he would not contest for the third time. He also claimed the support of Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and MP Basavaeraj Bommai. He said loyal workers, who had built the party through hard work, were being ignored, recalling that when the party was no force in the region, he was one among those leaders who helped the party come to power.

# DK's GDP will go up by 2% if 'situation' improves: Min

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IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said on Wednesday that if the law and order situation in the coastal region improves, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) there could go up by 2% in the next two years. Replying to Mangaluru MLA Vedavyas Kamath, who sought details regarding investments by IT companies in the coastal region, Kharge said if the situation improves, the region has the potential to attract huge investments.

The GDP of Bengaluru is 39.9% and that of Dakshina Kannada is just 5.4%. There is a huge gap. "If we create an atmosphere favourable for investments, Dakshina Kannada's GDP will go up by 2% in the next two years. It is not just your (MLA) responsibility, but also mine," Kharge said.

Kharge said the government has brought the Udupi-Mangaluru-Manipal cluster under the local accelerator programme.

# Farmers need guideline rate revisions, says KBG

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TO prevent injustice to farmers during land acquisition by ensuring they receive fair compensation, the guidance value is revised periodically, said Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda.

The minister said that by periodic guidance value revision, the gap between the official rates and the market rates would be brought down and added that by doing so, the scope for 'black money' in land dealing would also decline.

He was replying to opposition MLC KS Naveen in the Karnataka Legislative Council on Wednesday, who raised the issue, stating that the compensation in several land acquisition cases was determined based on 2019 guidance value only, though the same was revised in 2023. He sought to know from the government if this had caused financial losses to farmers who lost their lands in the acquisition.

He highlighted that the law is clear related to land acquisition, and it is done as per the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and that once the primary notification for land acquisition is issued, the guideline value for such land will not be revised. Instead, he said the compensation is determined based on the previous guideline price or the average of the highest registered sale deeds in the preceding three years.

The minister said that there is a huge difference between the guidance value and the land's current market value, and that in some areas, while the guidance value was around Rs 2 lakh, the actual market value was nearly Rs 80 lakh.

He said that this difference encouraged transactions involving black money, with people discussing the amount needed to be paid through 'cheque' and 'cash'. Byre Gowda said that if the guidance values are revised periodically, they would reduce the gap and ensure farmers are paid fair compensation for the lands acquired for public projects.

Legislative Council session in progress in Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Congress, Oppn MLAs oppose move to shut community health centres

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LEGISLATORS from Ruling Congress and Opposition BJP-JDS alliance on Wednesday took strong exception to the state government's decision to shut 270 community health centres (CHCs). Raising the matter in the Assembly, JDS MLA Sharada Puryanaik said the CHCs, which did not register 30 labour cases a month, were being closed. The staff of such CHCs were being shifted to taluk hospitals.

LoP R Ashoka said people would revolt against the government if hospitals are shut. Congress MLA BR Patil expressed his anger at the government's inaction in this regard. In the absence of Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, Medical Education Minister Sharan Prakash Patil tried to defend the government, but in vain.

### Plots for farmers soon: DKS

DCM DK Shivakumar said farmers, who have parted with their land for Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout developed by BDA in Yelahanka, will be given plots soon. Responding to Yelahanka BJP MLA SR Vishwanath, Shivakumar said the government is losing Rs 1,000 crore every year as the court is not giving permission for allotment of plots. Steps will be taken to give 9,600 plots to farmers soon.

### Gowda demands Rs 100 cr

Stating that the CM has allocated only Rs 10 crore to tackle the problems faced by coconut farmers, Congress MLA KM Shivalinge Gowda said it should be increased to Rs 100 crore.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Ganga Kalyana: Govt mulls 50 beneficiaries per constituency

BENGALURU: Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa said they are planning to increase the beneficiaries under Ganga Kalyana scheme (borewell) under boards and corporations that comes under his department to 50 beneficiaries per constituency. He was replying to Holalkere MLA Chandrappa who stated that they get thousands of applications and hardly 5-10 beneficiaries are permitted. Chandrappa had alleged that the government is allocating less grants for it. It is MLAs who are at the recieving end as many people assemble at their house, he said. "The department has grants of Rs 44,000 crore, but for this hardly few crores. Instead fix 100 beneficiaries per constituency," he said **ENS**

Alleging that the state budget has ignored the development needs of the coastal region, Udupi city unit of the BJP has announced a protest on March 14, condemning what it termed as 'stepmotherly attitude' towards Udupi district

# Conmen use fake Kerala lottery to cheat Gadag folk

Fraudsters send messages to random people claiming they won ₹15L

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR@Gadag

A fraud network using the name and emblem of the Kerala government has allegedly been cheating people in Gadag district through a fake lottery scheme. According to sources, the fraudsters send messages to random mobile numbers claiming that the recipient has won a lottery prize of ₹15 lakh. The message is followed by a PDF certificate bearing the Kerala government emblem and the national emblem, giving the impression that the lottery is genuine.

Victims are then asked to pay ₹8,000 as a processing fee to claim the prize money. Believing the certificate to be authentic, several people have reportedly transferred the amount online. The fraudulent activity is said to be increasing in Gadag and nearby districts, with many unsuspecting residents falling into the trap.

The scammers first send a message stating that the recipient has won a lottery. If the person responds or clicks the link, they receive a certificate claiming they have won ₹15 lakh. The certificate prominently displays the emblem of the Kerala government to make it appear legitimate.

Sources say the fraudsters are exploiting the popularity of Kerala lotteries, which were once well-known in Karnataka, to lure victims. They claim that the Rs 8,000 payment is a mandatory processing fee required to release the prize amount.

Despite several people reportedly losing money, many victims have not filed complaints with the police out of fear or embarrassment.

The scam came to light after a resident of Ron town shared details about the incident on social media. Several others responded to the post saying they had received similar messages. However, the post was later deleted.

Date:09/03/2026
Certificate
OF KERALA LOTTERY
3nd
WINNER
MRP.6,200/-
This Certificate is Presented To:15,00,000 /-
Mr./Ms.:- Dawalsab mulla
For The Achievement Of 3ND Winner Place In Kerala Government Lottery At The Winning Level. Thank You For Your Participation And Good Luck.
Winner Lotter No.- KL 662496
Signature
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The document sent to many people's mobile numbers claiming they won lottery

A resident of Ron, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the certificate carrying the Kerala government logo convinced many people that the lottery was genuine.

"Several people transferred ₹8,000 believing the message to be true. Later, they realised they had been cheated. People should not trust such lottery messages," the resident said. Meanwhile, an official from the Gadag police department said that no formal complaints have been received so far.

However, the police are conducting awareness campaigns both online and offline to educate the public about cyber frauds and have urged people to remain cautious and avoid responding to suspicious lottery messages.

# Two arrested for collecting mule bank accounts for cyber fraud

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TWO persons accused of collecting bank accounts from the public on the pretext of running a trading business and using them for cyber fraud were arrested by the Cybercrime Police in Mangaluru city as part of a statewide crackdown on mule accounts.

Police identified the accused as Mohammed Aneesh (30), a resident of Kasaba Bengre, and Saleeth Ahmed M (32), a resident of Surathkal.

According to the Cyber Command Unit, the case came to light after Mohammed Sinan, a resident of Mangaluru, filed a complaint on March 10, stating that his acquaintances, Aneesh and Saleeth, had taken his bank account under the pretext of using it for a trading business. During the investigation, suspects revealed that the accused had collected several bank accounts from members of the public and used them to route money obtained through cyber fraud. Police seized four mobile phones, 18 debit cards, 17 bank passbooks, six cheque books, cryptocurrency valued at USDT 1,479.31, and a car from the accused. Investigators said the accused purchased USDT cryptocurrency from Indians at a lower price and sold it at higher rates to cyber fraudsters based in China.

# Govt orders watch panels to protect women, kids

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THE Directorate of Municipal Administration has issued a circular directing all urban local bodies to form Women and Child Protection Watch Committees under the chairmanship of the mayor or chairperson.

The committees will include elected representatives, concerned officials, social workers and child representatives. They will be responsible for ensuring the effective implementation of child protection laws and safeguarding children's rights. The circular comes after years of demand from child rights activists and the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) to establish such watch committees at the municipal corporation and town panchayat levels.

The directive assigns them 16 responsibilities, including ensuring 100% birth registration and issuance of birth certificates for all children, and full immunisation coverage for children aged 0–16 years. The committees must also ensure 100% attendance in anganwadis, schools and colleges, with particular focus on girls.

A key responsibility is to ensure that school dropout rates are brought down to zero. The committees have also been tasked with monitoring and preventing child marriages, child abuse, child labour, begging among children, and malnutrition. They must also keep track of cases of missing children. The circular further directs municipal corporations to prepare a child status report for every ward, based on data such as the number of children aged 0–18, school attendance, out-of-school children, child labour cases, children with special needs and children in distress.

The watch committees, along with municipal corporations and town panchayats, have been instructed to submit quarterly reports to the directorate on the implementation of these measures. The reports will be reviewed by district-level officials, and action may be taken against authorities if lapses in implementation are found.

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### RUAS NCC unit holds walkathon on road safety

Bengaluru: The National Cadet Corps (NCC) unit of Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) organised a social service and community development walkathon along with a skit-based awareness programme highlighting road safety and environmental protection. The event was sponsored by the 40 Karnataka Battalion NCC. Around 250 NCC cadets from various institutions participated in the programme. Among those present were RUAS Registrar S Ashok Rao, ADM Officer Lt Col Vipin Dhillion, Training JCO Sub S Murthy, officials from various schools and colleges, and traffic police personnel.

### KSHEC signs MoU with British Council

Bengaluru: The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) on Wednesday signed an MoU with the British Council to strengthen collaboration in education, skills, and cultural exchange. On the occasion, Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said, "Academic excellence in our universities is essential to compete with foreign universities coming to Karnataka. Only when our universities become academically stronger can our students receive quality education. Through this agreement, opportunities will be created to strengthen research, skill development, and digital libraries in six state universities." Sudhakar also noted that the state government has successfully implemented several agreements with UK universities aimed at advancing education while keeping the interests of students in mind. "Since a large number of students in our universities come from rural backgrounds, collaborations with international universities will provide them with broader academic exposure and opportunities," he said.

# Cheque fraud: No HC relief for former MLA

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THE Karnataka High Court confirmed the orders passed by the trial court convicting former MLA MP Kumaraswamy in eight cheque dishonour cases and sentencing him to pay Rs 1.38 crore to the complainant, failing which he will have to undergo a simple imprisonment of six months in each case.

Justice M Nagaprasanna dismissed all the appeals filed by Kumaraswamy on March 4.

He moved the high court, questioning the orders passed by a special court on July 19, 2023, confirming the orders of conviction and sentence passed by the magistrate on February 13, 2023, for the offences punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. The complainant, HR Huvappa Gowda, a resident of Chikkamagaluru City, filed the complaint against the accused Kumaraswamy in 2021.

The counsel for Kumaraswamy contended that both the trial courts have ignored the fact that the complainant possesses a BPL ration card, which is given to families who have an income of less than Rs 1.25 lakh per annum. If the complainant was not in a capacity to lend huge sums of money and possesses a BPL ration card, the counsel submitted that the entire transaction between the two is a sham. The cheques given by the petitioner for different collateral purposes are misused by the complainant, he argued.

The counsel for the complainant submitted that the BPL card was secured by the wife without informing the complainant. The moment the complainant came to know, the BPL card was cancelled long before the transaction. He vehemently refuted the submissions, contending that these very submissions were urged before the concerned courts. The Magistrate has convicted the accused and said conviction is affirmed in the appeal before the sessions court again by a detailed order. These concurrent findings can be interfered with in the revisional jurisdiction only if the orders are perverse or lacking in jurisdiction, he argued.

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE (CCH 58)
O.S. No. 25157/2025
Hg. Date : 27/03/2026

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001. Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G., Aged about 50 years, S/o Mr. Gurumallappa
Fxncol@yahoo.co.in/
Phone No. 08041246669
...Plaintiff

And
Mr. Rahul Karuvantevida
Son of Gopalan, Aged About 39 Years, Flat No. Q 1806, Purva Palm Beach, Apt. Kyalasandrahalli Banglalore- 560077 ....Defendant

Summons to Defendant

Whereas the the above-named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of Rs. 12,10,332.04/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Two Paisa Zero Four Only) apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in O.S. No. 25157/2025 and same is pending adjudication in CCH 58, Before Addl., City Civil Court. Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 27th day of March, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. to the same, if faild the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 06th day of March, 2026.

By the order of Court,
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall,
Bengaluru- 560 001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.99, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560005.

**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**

**E-Tender Notice No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-16-19-26, dated 10.03.2026.** e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)/Adra, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works : **Sl. No. & Tender No.; Description of works; Tender value : (1) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-16-26, dated 10.03.2026;** Supply and loading into wagons/hoppers 344594 cum 50 mm gauge machine crushed hard stone track ballast at Pakur/Bakudih/Rajgram/Pinargaria/Barharwa/Taljhari quarry for Adra Division (Measurement of ballast will be done at destination); ₹ 68,39,81,184.66. **(2) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-17-26, dated 10.03.2026;** Adra Division – Barricading/fencing of road is required to protect running Railway track to prevent such incidents of vulnerable location and road repair under the jurisdiction of Divisional Engineer (North)/Adra; ₹ 2,33,67,646.31. **(3) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-18-26, dated 10.03.2026;** Standardization of level crossing by shifting gate barrier, Improvement of visibility, road surface and gate lodge standardization at 16 Nos. Level Crossings gate between Purulia-Kotshila-Rajabera, Anara-Rukni, Mahuda-Chandrapura & TT Line section in Adra Division; ₹ 1,50,17,397.73. **(4) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-19-26, dated 10.03.2026;** Repair, operation and maintenance of filter Plant at Garga Pump house at Bokaro Steel City for three years; ₹ 83,80,853.33. The **closing date and time of e-tenders** is on 13.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs. for each. Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website **www.ireps.gov.in** **(PR-1291)**

Government of Karnataka
**OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAXES**
**(LARGE TAXPAYERS UNIT)**
**# 49**, Ground **Floor**, East **Wing, Khanija Bhavan, R.C Road, Bengaluru-560001**. Karnataka. E-Mail:**jcct-itu@ctd.ka.gov.in**

Tender No: JCCT(Ltu)/TA/CR-04/2025-26 Date:06.03.2026

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders are invited as per K.T.P.P Act, 1999 from the reputed manpower service providers to provide the services of **05 (Five only) 'Technical Analyst'** to the Office of the Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Large Taxpayers Unit, # 49, Ground Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan, R.C Road, Bengaluru-560001. Last Date to apply for tender is **18 March 2026.**

For details visit e-procurement website at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in, http://www.ctax.kar.nic.in**

**Sd/- Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes**
**Large Taxpayers Unit, Bengaluru-560001**

**AXIS BANK**
Plot No. 41, Seshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009

**POSSESSION NOTICE** APPENDIX-IV (RULE 8 (1))

WHEREAS: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **AXIS BANK LTD,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act , 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued, a demand notice, dated **05.06.2025** calling upon the **(1) Mr.Vittala H R** S/o. Mr. Rudra Shetty, 1st, Division, Kodihalli Hobli, Hosadurga, Kanakapura, Hosadurga, Ramanagara-562119. Near Sri Rama Temple. to repay the amount **Rs. 16,77,674/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Only)** mentioned in the notice towards the loan account **no's 921030005641742 & 921030005641768** being the amount due as on **16.05.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 6 & 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **11.03.2026.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **AXIS BANK LTD., Rs. 16,77,674/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Four Only)** being the amount due as on **16.05.2025** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Description of the property belongs to Mr. Vittala H R**

Registered Equitable Mortgage of the Residential House Property bearing property No. 152900203901820053 (Property No: 231/8/1 As per Grama Panchayath Doc) measuring extent of 66.89 Sq Mtr and building thereon (Builtup Area 66.89 Sq Mtr) Hosadurga Village, Hosadurga Gram Panchayat, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagar district- 562119, standing in the name of Vittala H R S/o Rudrashetty. Boudaries as follows: East: Gopigowda's House, West: Murthy's house, North: Srinivasa 's House, South: Raja Street.

**For any clarification please contact Mr. Nandish K B, Collection Manager No. +91 9986043776.**

**Date : 11.03.2026**
**Place : Bangalore**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Axis Bank Ltd.**

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

| Sr. No. | Loan No. | Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor | 13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on | Date/ Time & Type of Possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 30139630000194 & 30139800000506 | 1) Mrs. Thilaka, Also at: M/s. Apple Blossom Pre School, 2) Mr. Raja | 17.12.2025 Rs.9,42,178.53 (Rupees Nine Lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight and Fifty Three Paisa Only) due as on 10-12-2025 | Date: 09-03-2026 Time: 03:45 AM Symbolic Possession |
| | **Description of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of Properly bearing Western Portion of Site No.5, in Khatha No.211, carved out of Property No.9/1, situated at B.Narayanapura, Nanda Gokula Street, Akashnagar, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, (earlier Bangalore South Taluk), now within Mahadevapura CMC limits, Ward No.4, Bangalore, measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 600 Sq.ft., together with all rights, appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and **Bounded on the: East by:** Remaining Eastern Portion of same Site No.5, (sold today to Sri Rajashekar), **West by:** Site No.6, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** 20 feet wide Road. | | | |
| 2 | 30139410000579 & 31889630000238 | 1) Mrs. Aruna Kumari M, 2) Mrs. Sharadamma P | 20.12.2025, Rs.6,64,533.69 (Rupees Six Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three and Sixty Nine Paisa Only) due as on 11-12-2025 and interest thereon | Date: 09-03-2026 Time: 02:41 P.M. Symbolic Possession |
| | **Description of the Property:** All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing Katha No.372/372, situated at Doddagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and **Bounded by the: East by:** Property belongs to Chikkamuniyappa, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Remaining Portion of Same Property, **South by:** Property belongs to Munishamy. Measuring East to West: 34 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet in all measuring 680 Sq.feet. | | | |

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

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| **Place: Bangalore** | **Sd/- Authorised Officer,** |
| **Date: 12.03.2026** | **For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** |

**JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)**
**Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

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# Leadership Speaks: Inside MS Agrotech's Mission to Rebuild Indian Farming

At a time when Indian agriculture is grappling with climate uncertainty, soil fatigue, and deep economic stress, companies rooted in ground realities are emerging as vital enablers of change. One such organisation is MS Agrotech, a Karnataka-based agri-input enterprise that has grown steadily since its inception to achieve an annual turnover of 25 crore, driven by a farmer-first philosophy rather than aggressive commercial expansion.

Founded during one of the most turbulent periods in recent history, MS Agrotech's journey mirrors the resilience of Indian farmers themselves.

MS AGROTECH

### Madhu Kumar Varma: From Corporate Leadership to Grassroots Agriculture

Madhu Kumar Varma, Director (Commercial), traces the origins of MS Agrotech to March 2020, at the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. What began as a two-person partnership between himself and Siddaiah soon expanded into a four-partner firm, built on decades of industry experience and shared conviction.

With over 25 years in the fertilizer sector, Varma's path into agriculture was anything but linear. Starting his career in steel and ferroalloys, he entered the agri-input industry without even basic knowledge of plant nutrients. Yet, his willingness to learn from scratch took him from junior roles to Executive Director (Marketing) positions in leading organisations. MS Agrotech, he says, was born out of a desire to move beyond corporate structures and work directly with farmers.

For Varma, the biggest challenge facing Indian farmers today is not productivity, but pricing. Despite minimum support prices being announced, he believes benefits often fail to reach farmers at the ground level. Combined with climate volatility and repeated natural disruptions, this has pushed a majority of farmers - excluding a small, relatively stable segment - into financial distress. "The land is fertile," he notes, "but the system surrounding agriculture is deeply flawed."

### S. Siddaiah: The Case for Integrated, Soil-Based Farming

S. Siddaiah, Director (Marketing), brings a unique blend of government and cooperative-sector experience, having served in the Agriculture Department and later spending 33 years with IFFCO. His perspective is firmly anchored in soil science and long-term sustainability.

Siddaiah strongly advocates integrated farming - an approach that combines chemical fertilizers, bio-stimulants, micronutrients, and soil conditioners in precise, need-based proportions. He warns against indiscriminate fertilizer use, which increases costs while degrading soil health. According to him, farming inputs must be crop-specific, soil-specific, and location-specific to be effective.

Drawing lessons from Sri Lanka's failed experiment with overnight organic conversion, Siddaiah argues that ideology cannot replace agronomy. While organic inputs have their place, he stresses that they alone cannot feed a growing population on shrinking cultivable land. Productivity per acre must increase, and that can only happen through balanced, science-backed input management.

He also highlights the importance of application timing, pointing out that even the best inputs fail if used incorrectly. For Siddaiah, the future of farming lies in precision, not excess.

### Shivraj Tagare: Bridging the Knowledge Gap at the Field Level

For Shivraj Tagare, Director (Marketing), the central issue confronting Indian agriculture is the knowledge deficit. Despite advances in agri-science, he observes that a majority of farmers continue to follow traditional practices without understanding soil chemistry, crop requirements, or nutrient balance.

Tagare estimates that only two out of ten farmers currently practise scientific cultivation. To address this, MS Agrotech works intensively at the village level, studying farmers' existing practices and correcting imbalances in fertilizer and pesticide use. The company offers a complete "package of practice," covering every stage from land preparation to harvest.

Equally important, Tagare emphasises crop diversification. In paddy-dominated regions, repeated monocropping has severely depleted soil fertility. When water becomes scarce, land is often left fallow instead of being rotated with short-duration pulses. Encouraging crop rotation, he says, not only improves soil health but also stabilises farm income and reduces risk.

### Doddabasappa K: Sustainability Through Balance and Innovation

Doddabasappa K, Director (Marketing), frames sustainability as a matter of balance rather than extremes. He points out that most farmers do not conduct soil tests, leading to overuse of NPK fertilizers while ignoring essential micronutrients such as zinc, boron, magnesium, and calcium.

MS Agrotech's approach focuses on reducing unnecessary NPK application while supplementing soils with targeted micronutrients and organic matter. The company also promotes composting and green manuring, encouraging farmers to integrate organics gradually without compromising yields.

Innovation, for Doddabasappa, extends beyond products to empathy-driven solutions. One example is the company's reusable fertilizer packaging, designed to double as household containers, reducing waste and adding value for farmers. From an initial portfolio of eight products, MS Agrotech now offers over 160, reflecting the dynamic nature of agriculture and the need for continuous reinvention.

**For more information, please contact MS Agrotech at 9353882151**

Twenty-one flights were cancelled at KIA on Wednesday owing to airspace closures due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia. Abu Dhabi, Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Dubai, and Doha were the sectors most affected by the closures

# LPG crisis: Minister seeks hoteliers' cooperation

No disruption in supply of domestic LPG cylinders, assures Muniyappa

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FOOD and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa on Wednesday appealed to commercial gas cylinder users to cooperate with the government amid concerns over supply disruptions.

Speaking in the Assembly, Muniyappa said the country is facing a difficult situation due to the conflict in West Asia but assured that there would be no disruption in the supply of domestic LPG cylinders.

"We have to supply commercial cylinders to hospitals, schools and college hostels. I appeal to those running hotels, convention centres and wedding halls to cooperate," he said. Later, speaking at a press conference here after a meeting with officials of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL), and GAIL, he reiterated his message.

The minister urged citizens to use LPG judiciously and reduce consumption during the current supply strain but assured that domestic LPG supply once every 25 days will be provided.

Earlier, the issue was raised in the Asembly during Zero Hour by Congress MLA from Kunigal, Dr Ranganath. Muniyappa told the House that the oil and gas companies have assured that there would be no shortage for domestic users.

"They have informed that one cylinder can be supplied within 25 to 30 days of placing an order. A 14 kg cylinder is sufficient for a family of four to five members for a month," he said.

He pointed out that India produces about 30 per cent of its gas requirements and depends on imports for the rest. "Even if the war continues, they are confident of supplying cylinders," he said. He appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary usage and hoarding.

Calling the situation serious both nationally and internationally, Muniyappa warned of strict action against those involved in hoarding or selling cylinders in the black market.

Meanwhile, the discussion led to heated exchanges in the House. When Ranganath blamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government for the crisis, Opposition members protested.

Karkala MLA V Sunil Kumar said the situation was being portrayed as an emergency. "Though there is no emergency, why is the government unable to supply medicines to government hospitals?" he asked.

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said that on February 9 the Union government had stated that the country had sufficient LPG stock for 75 days, and in the first week of March it reiterated that there was no shortage. "But now the Union government has invoked ESMA, which is causing distress among people," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah clarified that he had not instigated hoteliers to protest. "I did not ask hoteliers to protest, but I said they are right in deciding to shut their commercial establishments if they do not receive cylinders," he said.

To closely monitor the situation, the government has directed officials to hold weekly review meetings with oil companies, said Muniyappa.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa addresses the Assembly on Wednesday

### Tall order for govt

Karnataka requires around 1,000 metric tonnes of commercial LPG daily, equivalent to about 50,000 cylinders of 19 kg each Domestic consumption stands at 5,000 metric tonnes per day, or roughly 3.5 lakh cylinders of 14.2 kg.

### Avoid multiple bookings

Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa urged consumers not to panic or make multiple bookings and advised households in both rural and urban areas to use LPG judiciously. He urged citizens to adopt energy conservation and greener alternatives, adding that responsible use of LPG will help manage the situation until supplies stabilise.

# Egg prices crash as export to Gulf countries stops, demand drops

INDRA S @ Bengaluru

EGG prices across Karnataka have dropped sharply over the past few weeks, falling from Rs 7.06 per egg to Rs 4.60, according to the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC).

V Sheshanarayan, sales promotion officer at NECC, told *TNIE* that prices declined over the past 15 days due to a combination of factors, including disruption of exports to Gulf countries, seasonal demand fluctuations and religious observances.

He said Karnataka produces 2.2crore eggs per day, with Hosapete being the major producer, followed by Mysuru. Karnataka transports its produce to a plant in Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, for export.

He recalled that on the day the war started, a container carrying 4.7lakh eggs from Mysuru to Namakkal had to return midway as exports had been affected. "Large quantities -- around 70lakh to one crore eggs -- from Namakkal are normally exported to Gulf countries daily. However, due to the ongoing war situation, exports have completely stopped," he said.

Consumption has also reduced during the ongoing Ramzan period, and also due to Easter and the onset of summer, which traditionally affects egg consumption. As a result, prices in cities such as Bengaluru and Mysuru have dropped. Sheshanarayan said

the current rates are prevalent across most parts of Karnataka, though prices in places like Hosapete are about 60 paise lower.

Despite the fall in rates, egg production continues, leading to accumulation of stocks. Producers are storing surplus eggs in cold storage facilities, where they can be preserved for up to three months. Some excess produce is being processed into egg powder, which has a shelf life of three to four months, and is mainly exported to countries where fresh eggs are not easily available. India currently has a few egg powder plants, including facilities in Namakkal, Mumbai and Malur in Kolar district. The Malur plant alone processes about 12 lakh eggs daily.

However, Sheshanarayan noted that export of egg powder has also slowed temporarily due to the ongoing international situation. He added that seasonal price fluctuations typically occur every April, but this year the impact has been more prominent because of the disruption in overseas markets.

# Govt may abolish toll for 2-wheelers on NICE Road: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

PUBLIC Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi on Wednesday said the government is considering abolishing toll collection for two-wheelers on NICE Road.

The minister was replying to Congress MLC Ramoji Gowda who had raised the issue of compensation for the farmers who had given up land for the NICE Road project during question hour on Wednesday.

Gowda complained that there was traffic congestion and accidents on the road and it lacked regular maintenance.

He said the agreement between the state government and Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE) is coming to an end, but farmers who gave their lands have not received compensation. He sought details on the conditions laid down in the agreement and whether it was renewed. Gowda also questioned whether the company got the toll rate revisions approved by the government and if the government is considering bringing NICE Road under its ambit.

Jarkiholi said a cabinet subcommittee headed by Home Minister will examine the status of the project, the conditions laid down in the agreement, toll collection and other issues.

The minister said once the committee submitted its report, the government would decide on the future course of action, including the plan to abolish tolls for two-wheelers.

DEMANDING FAIR SHARE

Dalita Sangharsha Samiti members stage a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Wednesday, pressing the government to fulfil their 17 demands, including ensuring that SCSP-TSP funds are used exclusively for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Yettinahole gets priority, to supply drinking water to dry districts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

RESPONDING to concerns raised by BJP leaders over worsening water scarcity in east Karnataka districts, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Priyank Kharge said the state government is prioritising the implementation of Yettinahole Drinking Water Project to address long-standing drinking water shortage in several districts. He said he was working to set up a centre for water excellence in collaboration with the IT-BT department to ensure that potability of water is addressed.

The issue was raised by MLCs KS Naveen, Govindaraju and Ravi Kumar, who highlighted water shortage in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, besides the districts of Chitradurga, Ballari, Yadgir and Kalaburagi. They urged the government to expedite long-pending water supply projects. Addressing their concerns, Kharge said the Yettinahole project, estimated to cost around Rs 23,000 crore, is designed to provide drinking water to several water-stressed regions of the state.

The minister said the project will supply about 24tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of drinking water to Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Chikkaballapur and Tumakuru districts, and other areas. Of this, around 8tmcft will be distributed exclusively to 21 rural taluks, he said. Kharge said the government is ensuring the quality of water supplied through the project. "The water will undergo regular laboratory testing for chemical and biological pollutants," he said, adding that continuous monitoring systems will be put in place. The minister said the government aims to begin supplying water to Tumakuru by June 2026, subject to obtaining necessary forest clearances, and the project rollout will be completed by October 2027.

Kharge said multiple departments, revenue, irrigation, minor irrigation and RDPR -- are coordinating to speed up implementation. He said the government is planning the location of water treatment plants, reservoirs and pipeline networks to ensure drinking water eventually reaches individual households. Meanwhile, Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said the delay was because the forest department had claimed some revenue land belongs to them. He said they had set up a steering committee to address issues of municipal and urban development.

# K'taka digitally maps 1.43 crore land parcels

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA has emerged as one of the leading states in the country in the digitisation and geo-referencing of land records, according to data presented in the Lok Sabha by the Ministry of Rural Development.

The information was provided in response to a question on the progress of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP), a Centrally-funded initiative, aimed at creating a transparent and accessible digital land records management system across India.

Nationally, approximately 43.11 crore land parcels have been geo-referenced out of nearly 58.15 crore parcels, translating to around 74.14% coverage. Karnataka has achieved a higher level of progress than the national average. Of the 1.65 crore land parcels in Karnataka, around 1.43 crore have already been geo-referenced, accounting for 86.54 %.

In comparison with other states, Karnataka's progress is ahead of several large agrarian states but slightly behind those that have nearly completed geo-referencing. States such as Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Tamil Nadu have achieved 100% geo-referencing, while Maharashtra has completed about 99.5% and Rajasthan about 99.37 %. Progress, however, remains limited in some states, including Odisha, where only about 1.18% of land parcels have been geo-referenced, while Kerala has mapped about 16.77 %.

Within South India, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have achieved complete geo-referencing of land parcels, while Telangana has covered around 81.14 %. The government also stated that Record of Rights documents are now available online for download in 31 states and UTs, enabling farmers and landowners to access land information through state portals. Karnataka provides such services through its official land records platform, allowing citizens to obtain land details digitally without visiting revenue offices.

Kannada activists warn of protests at schools on March 18, the day of the Hindi examination, if their demands are not addressed| EXPRESS

# Activists lay siege to KSEAB over Hindi exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KANNADA activists laid siege to the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) office on Wednesday, demanding the removal of the Hindi language exam from SSLC exam. Radhakrishna of the Dr Raj Abhimani Sangha alleged that successive governments had promised to drop Hindi from the curriculum but had failed to do so.

"Every year, governments promise us that Hindi will be dropped from the curriculum, but the promise is never fulfilled. Unlike many other states that follow a two-language policy, Karnataka continues with a three-language policy," he said. He added that making Hindi compulsory puts many students at a disadvantage. "Students who are not familiar with the language struggle in the exam, which affects their overall percentage. If the government cannot drop the subject, it should at least exclude Hindi marks from the SSLC results," he said.

Radhakrishna warned that activists would protest at schools on March 18, the day of the Hindi examination, if their demands were not addressed.

In many government-aided and unaided schools, Hindi is taught as the third language based on student choice. Some students opt for other languages such as Sanskrit, Telugu, Tamil, Marathi and Urdu.

KSEAB Chairman Prakash Nitalli said the board only conducts examinations and implements government decisions. "The language policy is decided by the government and the department. It is not within our jurisdiction. We will convey the demands to the government," he told *TNIE*. The SSLC exam will begin on March 18, starting with the third language paper, including Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Marathi. Around 8,12,855 students are expected to write the exams across 2,871 centres in the state.

EXPRESS READ

### Lakkundi treasure 500-600 years old, linked to Kalyana Chalukya-Vijayanagara era: Experts

GADAG: The treasure discovered in Lakkundi village two months ago has been examined by an expert panel constituted by the Gadag administration. After a detailed study on Tuesday, the committee opined that the ornaments are around 500 to 600 years old and reflect the art and culture of the Kalyana Chalukya and Vijayanagara periods. Experts said the ornaments are not ordinary jewellery worn by women but rare pieces believed to have been adorned on female deities. In addition to gold, the ornaments contain precious and rare gems, including sapphire, crystal and coral. The administration had formed a special panel to study the ornaments, and the examination process began on Tuesday. The committee comprises Dr M S Krishnamurthy, archaeologist from Mysuru; Dr Raghavendra Rao Kulkarni, historian from Bengaluru; Prof Choodamani Nandagopal from Bengaluru; Hanumakshi Gogi, epigraphist and historian from Hubballi; Prabhu Kammar, gemologist from Belagavi; and Dr Shejeshear, Director of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Hampi. The treasure was discovered on January 10 while laying the foundation for a house. Members of the Ritti family, on whose land the discovery was made, handed over the treasure to the government.

# Tiger reserves suffer ₹6 cr loss due to safari closure

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

THE temporary closure of wildlife safari services at Bandipur Tiger Reserve and Nagarahole Tiger Reserve between November 7 and February 21 has resulted in a combined revenue loss of nearly ₹6 crore for the two premier wildlife destinations.

According to data available with *TNIE*, the safari suspension during this period significantly impacted the income generated to the forest department. Among the two reserves, Bandipur Tiger Reserve reportedly suffered a loss of around ₹2.5 crore. Meanwhile, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve recorded an even higher loss, amounting to approximately ₹3.5 crore during the same period.

The decision to halt safari operations came in the wake of a series of tiger prowling incidents reported in the fringe villages surrounding the two protected forest areas. The incidents triggered widespread concern among residents and authorities after tigers reportedly killed three persons, injured several others, and preyed on multiple cattle in villages located along the forest boundaries.

Following these incidents, Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre announced temporarily suspension of safari activities as a precautionary measure, and to allow officials to intensify monitoring of tiger movement in the region. The decision, however, drew mixed reactions from different stakeholders.

While the safari suspension was meant to address the safety concerns and manage the situation on the ground, it had a significant financial impact on tourism in the region.

# Electrical contractors demand clarity on OC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Licensed Electrical Contractors' Association staged a protest at Freedom Park on Wednesday, demanding clarity from the State government on Occupancy Certificates (OC) and electricity connections for buildings under construction or already completed.

The protest, organised to press for several demands affecting builders, contractors and property owners, drew support from several political leaders. Former deputy CM CN Ashwath Narayan, Legislative Council Opposition chief whip N Ravikumar, former MLA MP Renukacharya, MLA CK Ramamurthy, and former Aam Aadmi Party leader Ravi Krishna Reddy and others participated. The leaders criticised the state government and assured protesters that the issue would be raised during the ongoing legislative session.

Ashwath Narayan accused the government of imposing stringent conditions for providing electricity connections to houses under construction. "People struggling to build homes are being subjected to unnecessary rules before electricity connections are granted. In the name of implementing Supreme Court guidelines, the government is harassing citizens. The government must take decisions for the people," he said. Association president C Ramesh said the state government should issue clear guidelines regarding OCs or Completion Certificates for buildings that obtained temporary electricity connections after April 2025, in line with a Supreme Court order. He pointed out that lakhs of consumers had taken temporary electricity connections and begun construction activities in converted and non-converted lands, often with bank loans.

"If the Supreme Court order is implemented strictly, lakhs of citizens could face financial, mental and social hardships. The government should grant appropriate exemptions to buildings that have already obtained temporary electricity connections or approvals, so that consumers who have already constructed houses are not adversely affected," Ramesh said.

Two youths were arrested with 7.52g of MDMA and 5g of ganja in their possession on Wednesday from Kochi. The accused are food vlogger and model Mohammed Adhil alias Adhil M J, 21, of Azhikode and Mohammed Shamil, 20, of Perinthalmanna

# MODI: DON'T PANIC, COUNTRY'S INTERESTS ALWAYS COME FIRST

PM urges people not to believe rumours over West Asia crisis

Former TN CM and AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami greets Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Tiruchy on Wednesday | PTI

**PEARSON LENEKAR SR** @Tiruchy

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday sought to assuage concerns of the public regarding the West Asia conflict, stating that the country's interests are always the priority.

Addressing an NDA public meeting in Panjappur in Tiruchy district, the prime minister acknowledged that the global energy supply chain is facing challenges. However, he said that India follows the principle of 'India first', and the country's interests are always paramount. He urged the people not to panic or believe in rumours. Recalling the Covid-19 pandemic, he said a nation of 140 crore had handled the situation with maturity, and expressed confidence that India would successfully navigate the current crisis as well.

Launching a broadside on the ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu, Modi alleged the state has turned into an "ATM for one family" under what he described as the party's "scientific corruption model".

Terming the upcoming Assembly election as crucial, he said the state is left with a choice between "corruption and dynasty politics" and development under the NDA. He said the DMK has betrayed the people who gave them the mandate in 2021.

"Everything starts and ends with one family. Ministers and MLAs may change, but power remains with the same dynasty," he alleged.

Referring to the cash-for-jobs scam, he, without naming anyone, claimed a minister from the district is linked to it. He also said that the job aspirations of middle-class youth and poor families will be shattered "if jobs are sold in exchange of money". "Where is all this money going? Just as rivers flow into the sea, corruption proceeds in Tamil Nadu flow to one family," he alleged. Modi also criticised the state government over the law and order in the state, alleging crimes against women have increased and that the criminals are on the prowl without fear. Referring to the recent incident in which a child was allegedly assaulted by a DMK functionary, he said such incidents have become frequent. "I assure the women of Tamil Nadu that under an NDA government they could live without fear," he said.

He further accused the state government of failing the farmers, particularly in the Cauvery delta region. He said the DMK had promised fair prices for produce, and warehouses to store crops but had not fulfilled those assurances. He also alleged illegal sand mining is taking a toll on rivers and the environment while those involved in the exploitation continue to receive political protection.

Modi said during his last visit, investments worth ₹20,000 crore were made in the state, and projects worth ₹5,600 crore and ₹4,400 crore were launched in Tiruchy and Madurai districts.

### LDF & UDF appeasing radicals: PM in Kerala

KOCHI: Launching the NDA's campaign for the assembly elections in Kerala, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday made a scathing attack on the LDF and the UDF, accusing them of being partners in corruption and of appeasing radical Muslims in the state.

**MAKING KITCHEN READY**

Workers load wood from a mill to be transported to hotels following LPG crisis in Coimbatore on Wednesday | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

### Premium savings account for women by BOB

Bank of Baroda (BoB) announced the launch of an exclusive premium savings account for women on Wednesday. BoB Women Sapphire Savings Account offers health and wellness benefits, including a ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage plan, complimentary online doctor consultations for up to six family members, and concessions on medicines and pathology tests. Account holders will receive a 50% first-year fee waiver in the form of reward points on BOB-CARD Tiara Credit Card, and 50% waiver on home loan processing charges. They will benefit from discounted locker charges. Debadatta Chand, MD and CEO at BoB, said, "Combining wellness benefits with premium banking and lifestyle privileges, we address evolving aspirations of women, while strengthening our engagement with growing high-value women's deposit segment."

# AI Express plane loses nose wheels after hard landing at Phuket airport

**SIDDHARDHA GATTIMI** @Hyderabad

A major aviation incident was narrowly averted on Wednesday after an Air India Express flight from Hyderabad made a hard landing at Phuket International Airport in Thailand, resulting in the detachment of the aircraft's nose wheels and forcing the temporary closure of the runway.

The aircraft (IX938) from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport to Phuket bounced during touchdown. On the second contact, both nose wheels reportedly detached, leaving the aircraft stuck on the runway and prompting authorities to halt flight operations.

The aircraft involved was a Boeing 737 MAX 8 with registration number VT-BWQ. It departed Hyderabad at 6.42 am and arrived in Phuket at 11.24 am, ahead of its scheduled landing time of 11.40 am. According to sources, there were 131 passengers, two infants and seven crew members on board at the time of the incident. No injuries were reported and passengers were safely deplaned and taken to the terminal building. A video of the landing, which quickly went viral on social media, shows the aircraft bouncing once after touching down before making a second, harder contact. The impact reportedly caused both nose wheels to detach, leaving the aircraft immobilised on the runway.

Airport authorities immediately shut down the runway and began efforts to tow the aircraft to the bay. The closure triggered disruption at the busy tourist hub, with several arriving and departing flights either cancelled or diverted to nearby airports.

A videograb shows the Air India Express flight from Hyderabad making a hard landing in Phuket International Airport in Thailand on Wednesday

In a statement, an Air India Express spokesperson confirmed the incident, saying, "We confirm that our Hyderabad-Phuket flight on March 11 experienced an issue with the nose wheel at Phuket Airport. The crew followed all standard protocols and guests were safely deplaned. We thank our guests, the Phuket airport authorities and all stakeholders for their cooperation."

Later, the airline said the nose wheels had been installed on the aircraft, allowing normal airport operations to resume. It also apologised for the incident and said it would be investigated in accordance with established procedures.


## PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under Paragraph 8 of the RBI (NBFC- Acquisition of Shareholding or Control) Directions, 2025)

**Navaka Social Business Fund Private Limited**

*(Formerly Yunus Social Business Fund Bengaluru Pvt. Ltd.)*

CIN: U65999KA2016PTC094207

103-106-107, Anjanapura Main Rd, Avalahalli, JP Nagar 9th Phase, Bengaluru - 560108.

**Email:asif@socialbusiness.fund**

Suresh Krishna Kodihalli proposes to acquire the equity shares of TMT Community Trust and Vinatha Madhusudan Reddy in Navaka Social Business Fund Private Limited. After the transaction, Suresh Krishna Kodihalli will hold approximately 99.93% and Prathima N.T. approximately 0.07% of the paid-up equity share capital. Objections, if any, may be submitted within **30 days of publication** to the above address or email.

**Sd/-**
**Suresh Krishna Kodihalli and Prathima N. T.**
**Navaka Social Business Fund Private Limited**



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**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Mortgagor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore (Formerly known as Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd), will be sold on 30-03-2026 (Monday) at 1.p.m , "As is where is", "As is what is" , and "Whatever there is"** basis, for recovery of below mentioned loan account. The details of the Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) Secured Assets/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ Auction date & time, EMD & Bid increase amount are mentioned below :

**Name of The Borrowers/Mortgagors : 1.M/s New Citizens High School, Represented by its Authorized Signatory, 2. M/s New Citizens Education Society, Represented by its Authorized Signatory,. 3. Mr.Ashraff Ulla Khan S/o. Gouse Khan B malli. 4. Haseen W/o. Abdul Subaan.**

**Loan Account No. BLR08742S.**

**Details of Total Outstanding Amount in Rupees : Rs.34,27,245.00/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred And Forty Five Only) as on 09-03-2026,**, together with further agreed contractual rate of interest plus legal costs/ charges, till realization of the entire amount.

**Details of Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Southern Portion of New Khata No.1908/1465/1-106, Property No.106, Measuring 1316 Sq Ft, Situated at Kadugondahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore and bounded on, East by : Private Property, North By: Tabraizulla's Property, West BY: 15 Ft Road :South By: Private Property..

**The Reserve Price of the above Property/ies will be Rs.78,96,000/- and the Earnest Money Deposit will be (EMD 10% of Reserve Price) Rs.7,89,600/-.**

**Known Encumbrances, if any : Nil.**

Intending bidders should submit their EMD amount and Bid amount along with KYC documents (PAN Card and Aadhaar/Voters ID/Driving Licence) and Rs. 1,000/- being Non-refundable Tender fee by way of Demand Draft/ Pay Order drawn on a Scheduled Bank, favoring **"M/s. Varthana Finance Private Limited", payable at Bangalore before 11 a.m on or before 30-03-2026 (Monday).**

**The Auction will be held at :Varasiddhi, 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043 . on 30-03-2026 (Monday) at 1.00 p.m.**

**For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in Company's website i.e. : www.varthana.com.**

**The prospective bidders may contact the Authorized Officer Mr. Vishal Kumar Shukla - Phone No.9591103226, Mrs. Veen M - Phone No.9900647241.**

Place: Bangalore, Date : 12-03-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited



## NOTICE TO LOCKER HOLDERS

DEFAULTERS IN PAYMENT OF LOCKER RENT

**This notice is issued to the customer who has taken a locker on rent at HDFC Bank Ltd., Thippasandra Branch and has not paid the locker rent for more than eight years.**

**The Bank has issued multiple locker rent reminder notices from time to time and has also made repeated phone calls requesting payment of the outstanding locker rent. However, no response has been received from the customer.**

**This is the final notice to the customer mentioned below to pay the arrears of locker rent within 60 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, the Bank shall break open the locker at the locker holder's cost, risk, and responsibility. The Bank also reserves the right to initiate legal action for recovery of outstanding rent, break-open charges, and any other applicable costs.**

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**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A (See Provison to Rule 8(6))]**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical / Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by **The Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** for Recovery of below mentioned amount/s. The details of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Secured Asset/s Dues / Reserve Price / e-Auction Date, Time & EMD are mentioned below.

| Sl. No. | Name & Address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s / Mortgagor (s) | Description of the Immoveable Property | Branch Name Account No; Total Dues | Date & Time of E-Auction | Reserve Price EMD Amount | Status of Possession (Symbolic / Physical) | Property Inspection Time |
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| 1. | **1. Mr. Sridhar M S (Borrower)** 10/17, Sri Keshava Krupa, Maruthinagar, 1st Main Road, Madiwala, Bangalore - 560068. **Also At : Mr. Sridhar M S** Flat No- 6/7, 3rd Floor, Padma Palace Apartment, Municipal No- 6/7, Plot No-6, PID No: 76-46-6/7, Brigade Street, Bengaluru - 560025. **2. Mr. Murali G S/o. Gopalnayak (Guarantor)** House No. 41, Hommarasali Village, Hampapura Hobli, Mysore - 571125. | **Schedule 'A' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Plot bearing No. 6 (previously Eastern Portion of Plot No. 6), Situated at Bride Street, Langford Town, Bangalore - 560025, Admeasuring all about 3175.06 Sq.Feet and property is bounded on the : **East by :** Private property, **West by :** Common Passage to ingress and egress and property belonging to legal heirs of Late Smt.Chitra Sukumar, **North by :** Property bearing No. 6/1 belonging to Sri Prithvi Jayasurya, **South by :** Private property. **Schedule 'B' Property :-** A total of approximately 454 Square Feet Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in Land i.e the Schedule 'A' property. **Schedule 'C' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing No. 6/7, on the Southern side of the Third Floor, in the building known as " Padma Palace" Constructed on the Schedule A Property, having super built up area of 1400 Sq.Ft. (1250 Sq.Ft. of Built Up Area), along with One Car Parking space in the Ground Floor and the Apartment is construction of RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Brick Wall, including other amenities provided to the entire Apartment. | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** For Home Loan (840575110000374) and personal loan (840560210000012) for recovery of an Aggregate Amount of Rs. 1,94,21,482/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Twenty one Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Two) along with further interest thereon @ 10.20% p.a. compounded with monthly rests, costs and other charges due | 30-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | Reserve Price : Rs. 1,31,50,000/- EMD : Rs. 13,15,000/- | Physical | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details +91 98504 77529 |
| 2. | **1. Mr. Sridhar M S (Borrower)** 10/17, Sri Keshava Krupa, Maruthinagar, 1st Main Road, Madiwala, Bangalore - 560068. **Also At : Mr. Sridhar M S** Flat No. 6/6, 3rd Floor, Padma Palace Apartment, Municipal No. 6/7, Plot No. 6, PID No. 76-46-6/7, Brigade Street, Bengaluru- 560025 **2. Mr. Murali G S/o. Gopalnayak (Guarantor)** House No. 41, Hommarasali Village, Hampapura Hobli, Mysore - 571125. **3. Mr. Mahesha S S/o. Siddegowda** H.No. 412, 11B Cross, Near Oxford School, J. P. Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. | **Schedule 'A' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential plot bearing No. 6 (previously Eastern Portion of Plot No. 6), Situated at Bride Street, Langford town, Bangalore - 560025 and Measuring in all about 3175.06 Sq.Feet and property is bounded on the : **East by :** Private property, **West by :** Common Passage to ingress and egress and property belonging to legal heirs of Late Smt.Chitra Sukumar, **North by :** Property bearing No. 6/1 belonging to Sri Prithvi Jayasurya, **South by :** Private property. **Schedule 'B' Property :-** A total of approximately 454 Square Feet Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in land i.e the Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule 'C' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No. 6/6, on the Northern side of the First Floor, in the building known as "Padma Palace" constructed on the Schedule A Property, having Super built up area of 1400 Sq.Ft. (1250 Sq.Ft. built up area), along with One Car Parking Space in the Ground Floor and the Apartment construction is of RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Brick Wall, including other amenities provided to the entire Apartment. | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** For Home loan (840575110000375) and Personal Loan (840560210000123) for recovery of an Aggregate Amount of Rs. 2,02,42,122/- (Rupees Two Crore Two Lakhs Forty Two Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Two) along with further interest thereon @ 10.20% p.a. compounded with monthly rests, costs and other charges due | 30-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | Reserve Price : Rs. 1,31,50,000/- EMD : Rs. 13,15,000/- | Physical | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details +91 98504 77529 |
| 3. | **1. Mr. Prathap K.C.** No. 9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078. **2. Mrs. Hemavathi N** No. 9, Behind Rajanna Flour Mill, Kanaka Nagar, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078. **3. Mr. Prathap K.C.** No. 6/2 ,1st Floor, Padma Palace Plot No. 6, Ward No. 111, Bride Street, Langford Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560025. **4. Mrs. Hemavathi N** No. 6/2 ,1st Floor, Padma Palace Plot No. 6, Ward No. 111, Bride Street, Langford Town, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560025. | **Schedule 'A' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential plot bearing No. 6 (previously Eastern Portion of Plot No. 6), Situated at Bride Street, Langford town, Bangalore - 560025 and Measuring in all about 3175.06 Sq.Feet and property is bounded on the : **East by :** Private property, **West by :** Common Passage to ingress and egress and property belonging to legal heirs of Late Smt.Chitra Sukumar, **North by :** Property bearing No. 6/1 belonging to Sri Prithvi Jayasurya, **South by :** Private property. **Schedule 'B' Property :-** A total of approximately 454 Square Feet Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in land i.e the Schedule 'A' Property. **Schedule 'C' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No. 6/2, on the Northern side of the First Floor, in the building known as "Padma Palace" constructed on the Schedule A Property, having Super built up area of 1400 Sq.Ft. (1250 Sq.Ft. built up area), along with One Car Parking Space in the Ground Floor and the Apartment construction is of RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Brick Wall, including other amenities provided to the entire Apartment. | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** for Recovery of Rs. 1,63,00,447/- (Rupees One Crore Sixty-Three Lakhs Four Hundred Forty Seven) for A/c. No. 842475110000142 Compounded with Monthly Rests from 29-10-2023 with costs and other charges due | 30-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | Reserve Price : Rs. 1,31,50,000/- EMD : Rs. 13,15,000/- | Physical | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details +91 98504 77529 |
| 4. | **1. M/s Spectrum Lights,** No. 1 & 2, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 1st Stage, Manjunath Nagar, West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010. **2. Mr. Lakshmikanth Reddy,** Corporation No. 52, Property No. 84, 3rd Main, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore North, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560072. **Also At : Mr. Lakshmikanth Reddy,** No. 79 and 80, Katha No. 406/430/2, Sl. No. 1482, Friend Layout, Doddanekundi, Bangalore - 560037. **3. Mrs. Sunanda,** Corporation No. 52, Property No. 84, 3rd Main, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore North, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560072. **4. Mr. Sampangi Reddy,** Corporation No. 52, Property No. 84, 3rd Main, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore North, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North, Karnataka 560072 **5. Mr. Santhosh Kumar,** Corporation No. 52, Property No. 84, 3rd Main, Sanjeevini Nagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore North, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560072. | All the piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing Municipal No. 52, constructed on Site Bearing No. 84 Carved out of Land bearing Survey No. 42 of Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Presently Situated at 3rd Main Road, Sanjeevani Nagar, Bangalore coming under the limits of Ward No. 38, Modalapalya Division of BBMP, PID No. 38-35-52, Measuring : East to West 30 Ft. and North to South 40 Ft., Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.Ft. of Site Area with Building thereon **owned by Mrs. Sunanda W/o. Sampangi Reddy** and bounded on the : **East by :** Property No. 83, **West by :** Property No. 85, **North by :** Property No. 37, **South by :** Road. | **Branch : Asset Recovery Branch** For recovery of Rs. 67,50,309.83 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand Three Hundred Nine Paisa Eight Three) (Contractual dues up to the date of notice) along with further interest thereon from 10-03-2026 along with costs and other charges due | 30-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm | Reserve Price : Rs. 2,00,00,000/- EMD : Rs. 20,00,000/- | Symbolic | 10.00 AM To 4.00 PM Contact Details 98504 77529 |

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them. The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the **Website : https://www.baanknet.com** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.baanknet.com or https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders.** The Authorised Officer has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or Adjourn / Postpone / Cancel the Sale / Modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason. **Date & Time of E-auction : 10-03-2026 between 11.00 am to 05.00 pm** (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded).

**Date : 10-03-2026 / 11-03-2026**
**Place : Bangalore**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**

Government of Karnataka

## Directorate of Child Protection
## District Child Protection Unit, Shivamogga

**e-Tender Notice - Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement (KPPP)**

e-Tender is invited through KPP Portal as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999, Rules 2000 for availing Human Resource Services as mentioned in Annexure – 1 for a period of one year required to Government Boys Children Home, Government Girls Children Home, Government Observation Homes and Government Special Adoption organizations coming under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Child Protection and District Child Protection Unit, Shivamogga for the year 2026-27. Interested, eligible suppliers can submit Tender Bids through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 09.03.2026 to 02.04.2026 up to 5.00 PM. E-Procurement Tender No.: DCP/2025-26/SE0252 Date: 09.03.2026. For further information contact District Child Protection Unit, Alkola, Shivamogga on phone no.: 08182-295709 during office hours.

**Sd/- District Child Protection Officer,**
**District Child Protection Unit, Shivamogga.**

DIPR/smg/Ksmca/25-26/64/03/1994

## INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH

**AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE / Established by Govt. of Karnataka**
**(A Postgraduate institute of Higher Medical Sciences)**
**Registered under Societies Registration Act Reg. No. 132/85-86**
**South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore - 560 029.**
e-mail: ihealthchild@yahoo.in | Website: www.igich.org
Ph: 080-22443143 / 22442421

**No: IGICH/ACCT/FD/AUC/07/2025-26** **Date: 11.03.2026**

### E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Chief Administrative Officer, Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore Invites Tender from eligible tenderers through the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from Nationalized Banks for callable Fixed / term Deposits of **Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (approximate) / Bulk Deposits for one year**. Interest payable quarterly. (DME/2025-26/Auction 51)
Last date to upload the Declaration in Annexure-A in the e-portal: **20.03.2026.** Live bidding for interest rates : **24.03.2026 Between 11:00 to 12:00 hrs.**
The detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction can be downloaded from the e-portal of the GOK at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/-**
**Chief Administrative Officer /**
**Tender Inviting Authority, IGICH.**

DIPR/CP/JA/6179/2025-26

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

## ATALJI JANASNEHI DIRECTORATE

**SSLR BUILDING, K.R.CIRCLE, BENGALURU-560001**

**No: AJSD/Tender/E-2087289/2025-26** **Date: 11/03/2026**

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed firms for procurement of **99 IRIS DEVICE (FOR AADHAAR ENROLLMENT)** to Atalji Janasnehi Kendras, Revenue Department, Bangalore. The e-Tender No: **AJSD/2025-26/IND0007** Tender documents and related information can be obtained from e-Procurement portal - **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **12-03-2026.**

**Sd/- Additional Director,**
**Atalji Janasnehi Directorate, Bengaluru.**

DIPR/CP/SMCL /6195/25-26

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the general public at large that, under the instructions of our clients, we are investigating the right, title and interest of Mr. Saurabh.V, S/o. Late Mr. Vijayashankar Singh (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner"), to the lands having an extent of 08 ¾ Guntas in Sy. NO. 170/1 and 08 ¼ Guntas in Sy. NO. 172, ad-measuring 17 Guntas, situated at Koraluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property").

Any person/s, entity, firm, institution, Banks or financial institutions, having any claim(s), including any right, title interest, entitlement, charge, demand whatsoever in respect of or against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof and / or any of the title deeds or records in respect thereof by way of sale, transfer, assignment, allotment, exchange, right, interest, share, license, lease, sub-lease, tenancy, sub-tenancy, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, encumbrance, occupation, covenant, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption, inheritance, bequest, succession, will, testamentary instrument, probate, letters of administration, possession, use, development rights/potential, agreement, litigation, lis-pendens, family arrangement, settlement, decree or order of any court of law or otherwise of whatsoever nature or otherwise howsoever, is / are hereby required to make the same known, in writing, together with documentary proof in support thereof, to HARISH & CO.,Advocates, No. 45, High Point Apartments-2, Ground Floor, 2012, Chalukya Circle, Palace Road, Bangalore – 560 001 and also email a copy to lawguru.harish@gmail.com, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, such right, title interest, benefit, claim or demand will be considered as waived and / or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property from the said Owner. Any claim/objection received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of lands having an extent of 08 ¾ Guntas in Sy. No. 170/1 and 08 ¼ Guntas in Sy. NO. 172, ad-measuring 17 Guntas, situated at Koraluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, and bounded on :

East by : Portion of land in Sy. No. 170/1, belonging to the Owner;
West by : Existing mud road;
North by : Portion of land in Sy. No. 170/1 and portion of land in Sy. No. 172, belonging to the Owner;
South by : Portion of land in Sy. No. 170/1 and portion of land in Sy. No. 172, belonging to the Owner;

Sd/- **HARISH V.S.**, Advocate
**M/s. HARISH & CO.,**
Advocates & Tax Consultants
No. 45, High Point Apartments – 2
Ground Floor, 2012 Chalukya Circle,
Palace Road Bangalore – 560 001.
Email: lawguru.harish@gmail.com
Date : 10.03.2026

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Sri. Basavaraj Bhima rao Gurav, S/O Bhima rao Gurav, residing at CTS No3983/2,4th cross, Bhagya Nagar, VTC Thilakwadi, and post, Belagavi District Karnataka, My client are willing to purchase the property by the present property owner Mr. ABDUL RAZAK.A.B S/o Amin Sab, Registered Sale Deed Document No.ANK-1-02088-2013-14, dated: 24-07-2013, CD No ANKD357 my client further states that any disputes his ownership or possession of the schedule property member of the public are hereby notified that if anyone having any adverse claim in respect of the said property hereby advised to place their claim with appropriate written evidence. please note that claims received without written evidence within 7 Days from the date of publication of this notice thereafter will not be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY:**

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy No.83/1, measuring 37 Guntas. Situated at Hennagara AmaniKere, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore urban District. and bounded on the East by: Sy No86/2 and sub No's, West by: Land in Sy No 82, North by: Rajakaluve, South by: Land in Sy No 84.

**K. Suresh Kumar**, Advocate
#58/512. 1st Floor, Mirza Road Anekal town,
Bengaluru urban district-562106.
Mob No. 9008089499

## BENGALURU CENTRAL CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,
Zone-02, Bashyam Park Road, Opp. Mantri Mall,
Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020

**No.: SADH/BCCC/GZ/E-AUCTION/01/2025-26 Date: 10.03.2026**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTIFICATION
**(Through KPP Portal)**

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture, Zone-02, Bengaluru Central City Corporation invites bids for sale of Scrap vehicles, parked at Bashyam Park and Freedom Park, Bengaluru will be conducted by way of E-Auction sale. The highest rates received in the E-auction will be considered for acceptance.

**E-Auction Schedule: (1)** Notification Date: **11.03.2026. (2)** Availability of tender document: **16.03.2026** onwards. **(3)** Inspection of Scrap vehicles: Upto **17.03.2026** (during Office Hours). **(4)** Last date to confirm participation for e-Auction: **23.03.2026** upto **4:30 p.m. (5)** E-Auction bidding opening date & time: **24.03.2026 (Starting at 12:00 p.m. to 12.45 p.m.).**

**Terms and Conditions: (1)** The intending bidders will be required to furnish Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) **Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** for all vehicles. **(2)** The sale of scrap vehicles on the basis of **AS IS WHERE IS** Condition and **CAVEAT EMPTOR** principle. **(3)** Corrigendum / Modification / Correction, if any shall be published in the KPP Portal only.

Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,**
**Zone-02, BCCC**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **1) MR. SURESH MALLYA. B,** S/o Late. B. V. Mallya, **2) MRS. KAVITA MALLYA,** D/o Sri. Suresh Mallya. B and Late. Sudha Mallya. B **3) MRS. ANJANA MALLYA,** D/o Sri. Suresh Mallya. B and Late. Sudha Mallya. B, All R/at No.464, 2nd Cross, 9th Main, Indiranagar, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560008. Any person having any objection regarding the said sale transaction may contact the undersigned advocate with relevant documents within **10 days** from the date of this publication failing which shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and my client will complete the sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the residential house built on Property bearing New Municipal No.1117 at HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore having E-Aasti PID No.1132318105 in Ward No.89-Jogupalya [earlier Site bearing No.1117 having PID No.72-1-1117 in Ward No.72-Domlur, Situated at 13th Cross, Hal II Stage, Bangalore-560038 ], measuring East to West 49.6 Feet or 15.1 Meters and North to South 40 Feet or 12.2 Meters, totally measuring 1980 Square Feet or 184 Square Meters and bounded on as follows:

East by : Road,
West by : Property bearing Site No.1121,
North by : Property bearing Site No.1116,
South by : Property bearing Site No.1118.

Consisting of RCC roofed residential house measuring 1150 Square Feet on the Ground Floor, 1000 Square Feet on the First Floor and 650 Square Feet on the Second Floor having Mosaic Flooring with all civic amenities.

Sd/- **K.R.Bharadwaj & Associates,**
Advocates,
No.30, 1st Floor, Above Medplus, Sukh Sagar Cross Road, 3rd Cross, 3rd Main
K.K.Halli, Bangalore -560084.
Ph. 9844011141
E-mail: krblawassociates@gmail.com

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

**ARM-1 Branch**
**2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-25310066.**
**E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (https://baanknet.com/) e- mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(Rs. In Lakhs)**

| Lot No | Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor | Description of the immovable assets: | (1) Total Dues (2) Auction Date & Time | a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid | Inspection date & time EMD deposited date |
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| 1 | **(1) M/s Pebbalio Concrete Products Represented by its Partners (1) Sri Sridhar R, (2) Sri Ulaganathan R and Sri Venkatesh R,** Sy No.10 And 11, Giddenahalli, Village Attibele, Anekal Taluk Next To Applicom, Bangalore-560068. **(2) M/s. Pippali Creative Solutions Pvt Ltd, Represented by (1) Sri Sridhar R and (2) Sri Ulaganathan R,** No.324/1, Hosur Road, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068. **(3) Sridhar R,** No.2, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, BTM Laout, Bangalore-560076. **(4) Ulaganathan R** S/o Late Ranganatha, **(5) Venkatesh R** S/o Late Ranganatha, **(6) Vijay Kumar R (as Per Cbs)** S/o Late Ranganatha, **All Are Residing At:** No.2, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, BTM Laout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076. **(7) Sri R Prabhakar, (8) Sri R Chandrashekar** S/o Late Ranganatha **(9) Smt R Kousalya** D/o Late Ranganatha, **All Are Residing At:** Yashoranga Nilaya, 4th A Cross, Tank Shore Road, B T M Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076. **(6a) Vijay Kumar. R** S/o Late Ranganatha, Survey No 10 & 11, Giddenahalli (V), Attibele Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107 (as Per Email Dated 05.03.2026) | All that piece and parcel of property bearing Old no 324/2, new no 132, presently bearing BBMP PID No.66-1-132, situated at Hosur Road, Madiwala 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru -560068 measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 25 feet (Total 1750 Sqft.) with building constructed thereon and bounded on: East : Road, West : Site No.85, North : Site No.111, South : Site No. 109. | **Rs. 73,74,557.73 as on 09.03.2026 with further interest and cost thereon** **27.03.2026 & 10.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.** | **a) Rs. 450.00 b) Rs. 45.00 c) Rs. 5.00** | **20.03.2026 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM.** **before 26.03.2026 5.00 PM** |
| 2 | **(1) Mr. Sanjesh Parasmal Shah** S/o Sri Parasmal Shah **(2) Mrs. Asha Shah** W/o Sri. Sanjesh Parasmal Shah, **Both are residing at:** No.15, Chikkannama Temple Street, Cubbonpet Cross, Joripet, Bangalore-560002. **(3) Mrs. Indira Devi Shah** W/o Parasmal Shah, No.10, 9th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002. | All the piece and parcel of Residential property carved out of the lands in survey No. 31/1 of erstwhile Deevatige Ramanahali Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk now within the limit of BBMP and bearing Municipal No. 14, PID No. 41-22-14, New PID No.158-W0046-3 situated at Deepanjali Nagar layout, under Municipal Ward No. 41-Gali Anjaneyaswami Temple measuring measuring East to West 40 ft, North to South 60ft and bounded on the: East by : Site No.15, West by: Site No.13, North by: Railway Property, South by: Road. **Google Co-ordinate: 12.951908, 77.531808** | **Rs. 1,75,76,143.65 as on 08.03.2026 interest and cost thereon.** **27.03.2026 10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.** | **a) ₹. 81.00 Lakh b) ₹.8.10 Lakh c) ₹. 1.00 Lakh** | **18.03.2026 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** **before 26.03.2026 5.00 PM** |

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
**For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.6301683293 and 9483544116 during office hours on any working day.**

**Date : 11.03.2026**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/-**
**Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

**REGIONAL OFFICE BENGALURU SOUTH**
First Floor, 19 South End Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru - 560004.
Email-recblrr02@canarabank.com

### VEHICLE AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described movable property/ies Hypothecated to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken in exercise of the power conferred under The Hypothecation Agreement by Canara Bank, Bengaluru, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis on 29.12.2025.

| Sl. No | Borrower Name, Address and Branch Name | Liability With Interest As On | Description of Vehicle | Vehicle Model | Registration No. | Reserve Price (In Rs.) | EMD Amt. (In Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Mr. Sudeep B R,** S/o Ramesh K, No.398, 7th Main, 7th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560085. Branch Name: BTM Kuvempu | 06.03.2026 Rs. 212535.67 | TATA INDICA | DIESEL /2015 | KA 51 DO 198 | Rs.61,200.00 | Rs.6120.00 |
| 2 | **Mr. Shiva K G,** S/o Girishetty No.70, Kerepalya, Hoskerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560085 Branch Name: Lalbagh West | 06.03.2026 Rs. 1071324.89 | TOYOTA INNOVA | DIESEL /2019 | KA 41 C 6734 | Rs.5,31,900.00 | Rs.53190.00 |
| 3 | **Mr. Satish,** No.22, 1st Floor, 15th Cross, 5th E Main, Byadarahalli, Magadi Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560091 Branch Name: Jayanagar 9th Block | 06.03.2026 Rs. 1319823.38 | TOYOTA INNOVA | DIESEL /2019 | KA 03 AD 1878 | Rs.1,92,600.00 | Rs.19260.00 |

**E-AUCTION DATE: 30.03.2026**

1. The Earnest Money Deposit stated above shall be deposited on or before 2**7.03.2026 at 5.00 PM.** The EMD amount has to be paid by Demand Draft (DD) favouring Bank Name: **Canara Bank, GL A/c No. 209272434, Branch Name: South End Road, IFSC Code: CNRB0001173.**
2. E-Auction of vehicles will be held on **30.03.2026, between 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M** by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (Baanknet)** The incremental value will be **Rs.5,000/-**
3. If shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the vehicles before submission of the bid.
4. The intending bidder should submit the KYC Documents along with the bid application.
5. Successful bidder have to remit the balance amount within 3 days from the date of E-Auction, otherwise the EMD amount will be forfeited and will not be refunded under any circumstances. If shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to bear all the charges for conveyance, transfer registration charges, etc., as applicable.
6. Bank reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
7. For further details, **Brijesh Kumar Pathak (Name of Authorised Officer & its team CO/RO/Branch, Ph. No. Mobile 7892583987,7483935007,8334999471) may be contacted during office hours on any working day. The service provider Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848 /8160205051, Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com./support.ebkray@procure247.com).**

**Place : Bengaluru**
**Date : 10.03.2026**

**Sd/-** Authorized officer,
**Canara Bank**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients, **SRI. B. K. YESHWANTH and SMT. M. PRATHIMA** intends to purchase the Property described in the schedule hereunder from 1. SMT. BUSHANAM RAMACHANDRAN W/o Sri. Late. Sri. K.B. Ramachandran, **2. SMT. S. PREMALATHA,** D/o Sri. Late. Sri. K.B. Ramachandran, **3. SRI. RAMACHANDRAN BALAJI** S/o Sri. Late. Sri. K.B. Ramachandran, **4. SMT. DEVIANAND** D/o Sri. Late. Sri. K.B. Ramachandran and **5. SRI. A. MEERA MOHIDEEN,** S/o, Sri. M. Ahamed, who represents that they are the absolute owners in possession of the said schedule property.

Any person/s having any valid, tenable, legal objections/ claims/ right, title and interest in on upon the said schedule property to the said sale conveyance of the schedule property is/ are hereby noticed to lodge their claim in writing, with documentary proof thereof, within a period of 3 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned, failing which the sale shall be proceeded with as though none have any manner of right, title or interest, nor any legal claim/ objections in respect of the said schedule property described below.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Residential **Site No. 31, New E- PID No. 8300834676,** Property No. 3165/164/A/168/31 (as per the E-Katha), old Katha No. 164 A, old House List Katha No. 168, situated at Arehalli Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, measuring East to West 40-0 feet and North to South 47.6 (45+50/2) feet in all 1900 Sq. feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

East by : Road,
West by : Site No. 12,
North by : Site No. 30,
South by : Road.

**MAHESH. D,** Advocates
**NOBLE LAW ASSOCIATES**
No. 76, Rangarao Road,Shankarpura,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore -560004.
Mob: 9880299441.
E-Mail: maheshdnla@gmai.com.

## HDFC BANK

## HDFC BANK LIMITED

**Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013**
**Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001**
**Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com**

### E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

The Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC) issues E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :
Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in **Column (A) under Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor's **website i.e. www.hdfcbank.com**

| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D &E) | (F&G) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SI No | Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ | Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)* | Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft) | Date of Auction and Time ---------- Type of Possession | Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs) |
| 1 | **Mrs. Saranya Ashok J (Borrower) Mr. Ashok Kumar M B (Co-Borrower)** | **Loan A/c No: 638957997 Rs.76,57,914/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Forteen Only) as on 31.12.2023** | **Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Survey No. 57/4** (Municipal No. 29/57/4), measuring 3 Acres 36 Guntas, situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by :** Property of Sri. Krishnappa, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **West by :** Remaining portion of Survey No.57/4 of Krishnappa, presently owned by H.K.Shakunthala, presently Bangalore Development Authority; **North by :** Kanchi Varadappa's land and Hanumanthadevara inamthi land, Presently water drain and Bangalore Development Authority; **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule B: An 695 Sq. feet** of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' Property, more fully described in the Schedule 'B' hereto, and A Three Bedroom Apartment bearing **No. 802, 8th Floor, Block Jade,** to be constructed on the portion of the Schedule 'A' Property having a Carpet area of 1,618.15 Square Feet (PRM/KA/R ERA/1251/310/PR/180917/002010) forming part of the Project named and styled as **"MAANGLAYA PROSPER SIGNATURE BLOCK"** bounded on the: **East by :** Lobby, **West by :** Open Space, **North by :** Flat No. J 803, **South by :** Open Space. | **27.04.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM** ---------- **Physical** | **Rs.1,05,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Five Lakhs Only)** ---------- **Rs.10,50,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)** |
| 2 | **Mrs. Panda Jyotirmayee (Borrower) Mr. Tripathy Subrat Kumar (Co-Borrower)** | **Loan A/c No 1) 621245065 Rs.5,69,954/- 2) 621245120 Rs.2,50,007/- 3) 621536953 Rs.14,793/- Total Amount Rs.8,34,754/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Four Only) as on 30.09.2025** | **Schedule A:** All the piece and parcel of the residentially converted Lands measuring **4 Acre 31 in Sy No.56,** Lands measuring 3 Acres 2 Guntas in Sy No.58/1 and Lands measuring 2 Acre 8 Guntas in Sy No.59/1, totally measuring 10 Acre and 1 gunta situated at Chinnakempanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Tq, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on by **East by** : Lands in Sy No.59/2; **West by:** Road; **North by**: Lands in Sy No.55 belongs to D.S Sridhara; **South by:** Lands in Sy No.57 belongs to Mr Pilla Muthaiah. **Schedule B:** All the piece and parcel of the Residentially converted **Site No.115,** katha No.46/115, E Katha No. 150300200501620086, formed in Schedule A Property, layout known as **"SWARNASRI AIRPORT CITY"** situated at ChinnaKempanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Tq, Bengaluru Rural District in the BIAAPA Approved Layout bearing No.BIAAPA/TP2/LAO/568/2013-14 dated:29.04.2014, measuring East to West 12.19 Mtrs [40 Feet] and North to South 9.14 Mtrs [30 Feet] Totally measuring 111.41 Sq Mtrs [1200 Sq. Feet] and bounded on: **East by**: 9 Mtrs Road, **West by:** Site No.118, **North by**: Site No.116, **South by:** Site No.114. And any construction thereon present and future. | **27.04.2026 12.00 PM to 12.30 PM** ---------- **Physical** | **Rs.28,00,000/- [Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only]** ---------- **Rs.2,80,000/- [Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only]** |

**1. Inspection Date & Time: 02.04.2026 and 09.04.2026 between 11.AM TO 4.PM**
**2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 35,000/-**
**3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 24.04.2026 (Before 5.00 PM)**
**together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.**
**The online auction will be conducted on the web site https://biddeal.in of our auction agency M/s Valuetrust Capital Services Pvt Ltd.,**
**For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N / Shridhar Chinni, official of HDFC Bank Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045 To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets. This is aplicable SI No.2 Property only)**
**There are builder dues, Tax & Khata Charges as applicable to complete the sale transaction - This is aplicable SI No.1 Property only)**

**Date : 12.03.2026**
**Place: Bangalore**

**For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
**Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

## BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED

**Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560051. Email:bswmlee4@gmail.com**

No. DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/27/25-26 Date: 11.03.2026

**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)**
**(Only through GOK KPP Portal Only)**

**1.** The **Deputy General Manager-2, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru** from eligible bidders for the works detailed in the table below. The Bidders may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz. **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**) The Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to bidders to qualify for award of the contract.
**2.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka.
**3.** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

| SI No. | Name of the work | Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) Excluding GST | EMD (Amount in Rs) | Cost of Tender Document | Contract completion period |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | MSW Resource Recovery Support and Surrounding Area Infrastructure Works in Mahadevapura Constituency, including facilitation for organic manure production and essential basic infrastructure in and around MSW/legacy waste influence zones. | 7205.14 | **Rs.1,00,000/-** through e-payment under of the following i.e., online/ RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance **Rs. 71,05,140/-** by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank | As per KPP portal | 11 Months |

1. Pre bid meeting will be held on **23.03.2026 at 15:00 hours** in office of the **Chief Engineer & Chief General Manager (tech), BSWML,** BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 52.
**2.** Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document **on or before 16:00 hours on 06.04.2026** and First Folder containing the technical bid will be opened through e-portal only on **07.04.2026 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
**3.** The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the KPP portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. KPP portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/ 22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of KPP portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
**4.** Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the KPP portal only.

**Sd/-**
**Deputy General Manager-2**
**BSWML**

DIPR/CP/AAA/6191/2025-26

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with Mr. Syed Muzakkir Ahmed, S/o. Syed Abdul Wajid, aged about 52 years, residing at No. 4B, 2nd E Main, New Layout Bhoopasandra, RMV Extension, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru– 560095 to purchase the Schedule Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that Mr. Syed Muzakkir Ahmed, S/o. Syed Abdul Wajid, is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and he has acquired the Schedule Property under the Sale Deed dated 17th October 2023, registered as document No. BMH-1-09245/2023-24, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar (Bommanahalli) Bengaluru executed by Mr. Mustak Hakim Khan S/o Mr. Abdul Haim Abdul Razzak Khan and Sale Deed dated 16th April 2024, registered as Document No.SHR-1-00308/2024-25, with the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar (Shanthinagar) Bengaluru, executed by Mr. Khan Altaf Hakim S/o Mr. Abdul Haim Abdul Razzak Khan. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. Syed Muzakkir Ahmed's right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of land being a vacant residential site bearing No.1156, in Block 'A', E-katha No.2589020334, comprised in the layout formed by the Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Limited Bangalore in Sy. No.6/1,6/2,8/1,8/2,8/3,8/4,8/5,8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 15/1P, 15/2P, 17/P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7,23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5,25/6, 26/1 P, 26/3, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1,67/2, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/1 A, 28/1B, 28/2,28/3,28/4, 28/5,29/1,29/2,30/1, 75/5,75/6,75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3,77/4,77/5, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1,72/2,72/3,72/4, 73, 74, 75/1,75/2,75/3,75/4, 77/6, 78, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 80/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B, 83, 84, 85, 91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/1P, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B, 103/6, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 106/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1 and 111/2 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and duly approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide its Letter bearing reference No. BDA/TPM/DD/1263/1992-93, dated 12.11.1992, and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No. 1155, **West by:** Site No. 1157, **North by:** Road, **South by :** Site No.1148.

**M/S. B.M. ASSOCIATES**
Advocates & Consultants
No. 7/1, Top Floor, G.J. Complex,
100 feet Road, Indiranagar I stage,
Bangalore -560 038.

## DD.163 CHINNALAPATTI CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD.,

C/o, Kamarajar salai High School Near Chinnalapatti, Athoor Taluk, Dindigul - 624301

### PLOTS AND SHOP SITE LAND SALE

Application Are Inviting Through E- Tender **For Sale Of PLOTS AND SHOP SITE LAND SALE** Owned By DD.163 Chinnalapatti Co-Operative Building society Ltd.,

For More Details Visit Website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

**SECRETARY / ADMINISTRATOR**

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

## Regional Office West

**Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055**

**DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR**

**NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Regional Office West, Bengaluru** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Speed post, to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by Speed post, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor :**

**1.Mr. L P Manikumar Penke** S/o Penke Raghava, 6-7/5B, Buchiyya Nagar Rajahmundry Rural, PI Hukumpeta Rajahmundr Morampudi Rural, Rajahmundry Rural East, Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-533107. **1A.Mr. L P Manikumar Penke** S/o Penke Raghava, No.12, Chamundeshwari Nilaya, Gayathri Layout, 3rd Stage, KR Puram, Bangalore, Karnataka-560036. **1B. Mr. L P Manikumar Penke** S/o Penke Raghava, Flat No E-G02, Ground Floor, E-block, Aban Desire Apt, S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka-562125

**Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower:**

| Loan Number Nature of loan limit | Date of Sanction | Sanctioned Amount In Rs | Liability with Interest as on date 02.03.2026 | Rate of Interest |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 160002152211 Housing Loan | 30.01.2024 | Rs. 44,00,000/- | Rs. 34,92,599.86 | 7.30 + 2% (Penal Interest) |

**Total Liability Amount: Rs. 34,92,599.86** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Nine and Eighty Six Paisa Only), as on **Date 02.03.2026** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

**NPA Date :28.02.2026 Demand Notice Dated :03.03.2026**

**Name of the title holder : Mr. L P Manikumar Penke**

**Details of Immovable Properties :**

**Schedule A Property: (Description of entire Property on which Apartment being constructed)** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising converted land (converted vide Official Memorandum No.ALN-(A)-(HS)-SR-02/2011-12, dated 11-05-2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District),bearing Sy.No.216, situated in S. Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring 2-00 Acres; and bounded on: East by:Narayana Reddy's land in Sy.No.216, West by:Chikka Muni Reddy's land in Sy.No.214, North by: Property bearing Sy.No.215, South by:Road

**Schedule "B" Property (Description of the un divided interest of land agreed to be conveyed):** 515.70 Sft. of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the Schedule ' A' Property. which is the corresponding undivided share in respect of Schedule C Apartment unit.

**Schedule "C" Property: (Description of the Apartment Unit/Flat agreed to be conveyed):** All that piece and parcel of one Flat/Apartment unit, ie., Flat No. E-G02 (2BHK), measuring a super built-up area of 1146 Sft (which is also inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas), comprising carpet area of 802.2 sft, situated in Ground Floor, in E-Block, (as per plan attached hereto) with One Covered Car Parking Space in the Surface Floor, in the residential apartment Building known as **"ABAN DESIRE",** being constructed on the Schedule-A Property.

**CERSAI ID:400077224083**

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers, Guarantors & Mortgagers. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

**Date : 09.03.2026** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place : Bengaluru** **Canara Bank**

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## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

**No: CEE/BGKT/Tr(Op)Z/SEE(O)/AEE-2&AE-2/20817-26 Date:09.03.2026**

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites tender on Electronic mode for the following works including supply of equipments / materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on **Partial Turn Key Basis.**

**1.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STND46/25-26/Koganolli** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3446** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA at 110/11kV power transformer along with 11kV Switchgear at 110kV S/S **Kogonolli** sub-station in Nippani Taluk, Belagavi district.

**2.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STND47/25-26/Benakatti** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3448** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA at 110/11kV power transformer along with 11kV Switchgear at 110kV S/S **Benakatti** sub-station in Soundatti Taluk, Belagavi district.

**3.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STND48/25-26/Bommanal** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3450** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA at 110/11kV power transformer along with 11kV Switchgear at 110kV S/S **Bommanal** sub-station in Raibag Taluk, Belagavi district.

**4.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-102/25-26/Guledagudda** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/TB/WORK_INDENT3453** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA, 110/11kV Transformer along with 11KV switchgear at 110kV **Guledgudda** sub-station in Guledgudda Taluk, Bagalkot district.

**5.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-99/25-26/Bellubbi** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3447** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA, 110/11kV Transformer along with 11KV switchgear at 110kV **Bellubbi** sub-station in Bableshwar Taluk, Vijaypura district.

**6.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-100/25-26/Aaheri** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT3449** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA, 110/11kV Transformer along with 11KV switchgear at **220kV Aaheri** sub-station in Sindagi Taluk, Vijaypura District.

**7.** Bid Enquiry No: **KPTCL/CEE/TRNS/BGKT/110KV/STN-101/25-26/Inchageri** Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/TB/WORK_INDENT3451** for Providing additional 1X10 MVA, 110/11kV Transformer along with 11KV switchgear at 110kV **INCHAGERI** sub-station in Chadachan Taluk, Vijaypura District.

The tenders will be received through E-procurement portal only. The details regarding participation in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website:**https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper link 'E Procurement KPTCL' OR **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **16:30 Hrs IST of 11.03.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.,)**
**Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL,**
**110kV sub-station Premises, Navanagara, Bagalkot-587 103.**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor)
Telephone House, Raj Bhawan Road,
Bengaluru- 560 001

**WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

**(See Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 r/w Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)**

**RC No. 697/2019**
**in T.A No. 1697/2017**
**(O.A No. 611/2016)**

**BETWEEN :** Union Bank of India (Erstwhile Corporation Bank) Koramangala Branch.
**...CERTIFICATE HOLDER/CHB**
**V/s** Mr Solomon Raja & Another.
**...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS/CDs**
**1. Mr Solomon Raja** S/o Sabary Ranjan Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terrace R.K Township, Yarran danahalli Village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru
**2. Mrs Leesha** W/o Solomon Raja Flat No F-D, 1st Floor, Topaz Terrace R.K Township, Yarrandanahalli Village Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru
**...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS/CDs**

Whereas the above named Certificate Debtors were ordered by Recovery Certificate to pay to the Applicant Bank (Certificate Holder) a sum of Rs.34,05,828/-(Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Eight Only) together with interest and costs as stated in the above Recovery Certificate and whereas the said sum has not been paid by the CDR.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed or which shall be pointed out to you by the said certificate and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before **11.02.2026** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

**Schedule "A" Property as per RC**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property comprising residentaial sites bearing numbers 445 & 446( as shown in the approved Layout plan bearing No BMRDA/LAO/063/2004-05 dated 27.01.2005 issued by the BMRD) carved out of Sy No 99, situated at Yarandanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru and totally measuring 3000 sq feet, bounded on the:**East by :** Sites bearing No 427 & 428 **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site bearing No 447 **South by :** Site bearing No 444.

**Schedule "B" Property as per RC**

All that part and parcel of the immovable residential flat bearing No F-D in the first floor of the apartment known as "Topaz Terrace' with plinth area of 792 sq feet including super build up area of common use, in site No 445 & 446 carved out of Sy No 99, R.K Township, Yarandanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru with undivided share 235 sq feet in total site area of 3000 sq feet with vitrified tile flooring teak wood main door and other doors and windows made of jungle wood.

Schedule properties are owned by both the Cds/ Defendants.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Bengaluru on 18.12.2025

**(RECOVERY OFFICER-1)**
**DRT-2, BENGALURU**

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## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, HOLALKERE-577526, CHITRADURGA (Dist)

**E-mail ID: apmcholalkere@gmail.com Ph No:08191-275113**

No: APMC(hola) RIDF-31/555/2025-26 Date:10-03-2026.

### BRIEF E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

APMC Holalkere hereby invites Tender for following **DEVELOPMENT OF RAITHA SANTHE AT HOLALKERE APMC LIMITS UNDER RIDF-31 SCHEME 2025-26 (RM-31018) INDENT NO: APMC/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT866** from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractor in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through E-procurment portal.The contractors have to submit all tender related documents. Item-wised rates etc.by uploading through http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in website in standard documents **KW-4** (with Latest amendments)

(1) Pre-Bid Tender Query Meeting :**25-03-2026** at:11:00 AM @ APMC Office Holalkere (2) Last Date for Receipt of filling Tender : **09-04-2026** at: 4:30 P.M (3) Opening of Technical Bid : **13-04-2026** at: **4.30** PM (if possible) (4) Opening of Financial Bid : **16-04-2026** at: **4.30** PM (if possible) (Contractors who qualified in the technical bid) (5) 18% GST will be paid separately (6) Place of E-Tender bid **APMC Holalkere**

Name of Work: (1) **DEVELOPMENT OF RAITHA SANTHE AT HOLALKERE APMC LIMITS UNDER RIDF-31 SCHEME 2025-26 (RM-31018) INDENT NO: APMC/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT866** (2) Amount put to Tender (in Rs) **4,17,93,936/-** (3) EMD Amount (in Rs) 6,27,000/-(4) Time limit: 5 ½ months (excluding monsoon period) (5) Eligible of the Contractors/Firms:-Registered PWD Class-1 Civil Contractor. (6) Tender Fee :-As per E-governance. Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary. Agricultural Produce Market Committee Holalkere Mob:9448610923 during working days and office hours or through website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in The Committee reserve the right accept or reject tenders without assigning any reason. The work bill will be paid according as per sanctioned grant. Any amendment will be published on the above website.

Sd/- **(G.S. Suresh)** Secretary, APMC, Holalkere
DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/750/2025-26

Sd/- **(Chaithra .K)** Administrator APMC, Holalkere

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## FOOD SAFETY AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

**Office of the Principal Scientific Officer, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, KIADB Industrial Area, 2nd Stage, Rayapur, Hubballi-580009.**

No.: FDA/RDTL/e-Tender/TIA/PP-04/2025-26 Date: 10.03.2026

### TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only) (Single Cover System)

The Chairman, Tender Inviting Authority, Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Hubballi, has invited tenders as follows.

| Sl. No. | Tender Details |
|---|---|
| 1 | Providing Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Water Purification Systems-04 Nos to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Raghavendra Colony, Ballari-583101 Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0024/CALL-2 |
| 2 | Retender for Providing Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Water Purification Systems-06 Nos to Drugs Testing Laboratory, Food Safety and Drug Administration, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001 Call-2 Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0023/CALL-2 |
| 3 | Providing Security and House Keeping Services to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Raghavendra Colony, Ballari-583101 Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0029 |
| 4 | Providing Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Water Purification Systems-04 Nos to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Rayapur, Hubballi-580009 Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0031 |
| 5 | Providing Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for HPLC Systems - 08 Nos to Regional Drugs Testing Laboratory, Hubballi. Tender No: FSDA/2025-26/SE0032 |

The schedule of events for the above service tenders is mentioned below:

Last Date for Tender Queries/Clarifications is **18.03.2026 17:00 PM.** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in is **23.03.2026 17:00 PM.** Date for Opening of Technical Bid is **25.03.2026 11:30 AM**

Detailed Tender Notifications can be obtained from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from the office of the Chief Scientific Officer, Drugs Testing Laboratory, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001.

**Sd/- The Chairman,**
**Tender Inviting Authority,**
**Principal Scientific Officer (I/C)**

DIPR/CP/JA/6173/2025-26

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## SURABHI SOUHARDHA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.,

**No. 02, Surabhi Sahakari Sadan, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Attimabbe Road, C.T. Bed Extension, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. Ph: 080-26794511, Mob: 9742060295 ,9606976569, 9606976572, E-mail:ssccl@ymail.com**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the Co-op Society Limited acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Co-op Limited, upon the following terms and conditions:

**CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION**

a) E-Auction is being on **"As is where is" and "What is there is"** and the Co-op Society Limited is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal **https://bankauctions.in -https://foreclosureindia.com** at the Date and Time as mentioned below:-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **"Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Society Limited" Banashankari Branch Bangalore.** by Demand Draft or **Bank of India** for NEFT/RTGS to **Current Account No.848320110000033 And IFSC Code : BKID0008483** at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on **https://bankauctions.in - https://foreclosureindia.com** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class- ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please contact **4Closure Contact Details: 040 23736405, 8142000062/66, Mr. Varun.B - 8142000809 Email ID: info@bankauctions.in & karnataka@bankauction.in**
e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Co-op Society Limited and the Co-op Society Limited will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted by bidders and the Co-op Society Limited would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Co-op Society Limited shall entertain no claims.
I) Nothing in this notice constitutes or will be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Co-op Society Limited to sell the property. Co-op Society Limited reserves the right to cancel the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

**1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : (1) ML-MORTGAGE LOAN-00001000216, M/s Organize India Real Estate Development LLP,** No.95, Ground Floor, Utopia Tarabanahally Chikjala, Bengaluru-562175. **Represented by its Partners: 1. Sri Shravan Nayar, 2. Ms.Natasha Nayar, 3. Sri V K Dinesh Kumar, 4. Sril Veliyath Krishnan Nayar.** All are Residing at No.95, Ground Floor, Utopia Tarabanahally Chikjala, Bengaluru-562175.

**The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold: (1) A/c No. 00001000216 of Rs. 3,28,85,283/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty-Twenty Eight Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Three only) as on 10.03.2026 and 11.03.2026 Cost and further Interest There on.**

**Schedule 'A' Property:** All the piece and parcel of converted land (as per conversion order No. BDS. ALN (NA) 97:94-95 dated 02-01-1995 issued by the Dy. Commissioner, Bengaluru, in respect of Sy No.124) with trees, if any, and house/building to be built, the trees to be planted, developments that may be made, together with all the rights and easements appertaining thereto now and hereafter enjoyed and acquired property bearing Sy No.124, situated at Tarabanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Khatha No.35 measuring 3 (Three) acres of converted land and bounded on: East by: Sri Narayanappa's property, West by: Gadenahally Boundary, North by: Karab Pavil land South by: Sri Dharmarao's Property.

**Schedule 'B' Property: Plots Details: ( Salable Areas) (1)** Plot No.11, Extent ( Sq Feet) 85X115=9775, Boundaries: East: Site No.10, West: Site No.12, North: Road, South: Site No.18. **(2)** Plot No.12, Extent ( Sq Feet) 85X115=9775, Boundaries: East: Site No.11, West: Site No.13, North: Road, South: Site No.17. **(3)** Plot No.13, Extent ( Sq Feet) 85X115=9775, Boundaries: East: Site No.12, West: Site No.14, North: Road, South: Site No.16. **(4)** Plot No.16, Extent (Sq Feet) 85X115=9775, Boundaries: East: Site No.17, West: Site No.15, North: Site No.13, South: Road.

| Reserve Price : | EMD : |
|---|---|
| Plot No. 11 - Rs. 4,39,87,500/- | Rs.43,98,750/- |
| Plot No. 12 - Rs. 4,39,87,500/- | Rs.43,98,750/- |
| Plot No. 13 - Rs. 4,39,87,500/- | Rs.43,98,750/- |
| Plot No. 16 - Rs. 4,39,87,500/- | Rs.43,98,750/- |

**Date & Time of Auction : 26.03.2026 at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions), Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 25.03.2026, before 4.30 PM**

**E auction website - https://bankauctions.in - https://foreclosureindia.com, Increment value Rs. 50,000/-& such multiples**

**Contact Persons: Chief Executive Officer: 080-26794511, Mobile No. 9606976569 and 9606976572 OR Mr. Shivashankar A Mob: 9480401348 (M/s Supreme Enforcement Services)**

**Date: 11.03.2026** **Sd/- Authorised Officer / Chief Executive Officer**
**Place: Bengaluru** **Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Society Limited**

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## STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Authorised Officer's Details:**
Name: **Sri. Vivek Raina**
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: **+91-8197025366**
Landline No. (Office): 080-25943678

**STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH,**
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, OPP: Trustwell Hospital, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002.
Contact: CCO. **Sri. Dayanand M Nagashetty,** Mob: 9008844891.
Tel:080-2594-3678/3663. Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

**Appendix: IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8(6)]**

### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgager that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **22.04.2026** for recovery of **Rs. 2,28,08,011/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Eight thousand Eleven Only)** as on 06.03.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 07.03.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc..due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the **Borrowers Mrs Sujata Verma W/o Arvind Kumar and Mr. Arvind Kumar S/o Mr. Nepal Singh.**

The reserve price, earnest money deposit, bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under: -

| Property No. | Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold) | EMD - Earnest Money Deposit | Bid increment amount | Time & date of e Auction | Last day for submission of EMD along with KYC documents |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flat No. E- 305 (Duplex) in Third Floor in the **"LINEA SUNFLOWER"** having a super built-up area of 1981 Sq.ft., along with an exclusive right to use terrace area of 804 Sq.ft.. | **Rs. 1,09,00,000/-** | **Rs. 10,90,000/-** | **Rs.1,00,000/-** | **10:00 am to 4.00 pm on 22.04.2026** | **22.04.2026 up to 9.00 AM** |

**SECURED INTEREST**

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Immovable asset) | Reserve Price (Rs.) |
|---|---|
| Tender No. : **SBI/SARB/2025-26/205** Property ID: **SBIN200050789594** Name of the Title Deed Holder: **Mrs. Sujata Verma W/o Mr. Aravind Kumar and Mr.Aravind Kumar S/o Mr. Nepal Singh** **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of residential converted land bearing Sy.No.115/4 (Conversion Order No. BDis: ALN(S)SR(KT)233/2004-05 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, dated 03.03.2005), in all measuring 1 Acre & 20guntas, Situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, vide BBMP Khatha No.4857/115/4, Ward No. 198-Hemmigepura, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by:** Yelamma Temple and Vidyapeetha land, **West by:** Road & Maramma Temple land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner, **North by:** Buddanna's land, **South by:** K.R. Timmaiah's land and remaining portion of land retained by Owner. **SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** Flat No. E-305 (Duplex) in Third Floor in the Apartment building known as **"LINEA SUNFLOWER"** having a super built up area of 1981 Sq.ft., and containing 3 Bedroom along with an exclusive right to use terrace area of 804 Sq.ft., attached to the flat along with One Exclusive right of use of Covered Car park bearing No. E- 305 (super built up area includes the proportionate share in the common area such as passages, lobbies. lifts, staircase and other areas of common use). **SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of the undivided share of 1147.96 Sq.ft, in the "A Schedule Property | **1,09,00,000/-** |

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp. Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, JC Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, **M/s. Inicio Advisory and Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore, Representative: Sri Vijay Durgai Mobile No. 9663903911**

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer, & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **PSB Alliance Pvt Limited, https://baanknet.com.** and **www.sbi.co.in.**

**NOTE:** Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS"** condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity Bill, Water Bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha and Property Tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

**Sd/-**
**Chief Manager & Authorized Officer**
**SBI SARB, Bengaluru**

**Place: Bengaluru**
**Date: 06.03.2026**

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## Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India.

**Asset Recovery Management Branch,**
1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009.
**Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/22955929(AGM)**
**E-Mail: blr.arm@ktkbank.com**
**Website: https://karnatakabank.com**
**CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128**

### E-AUCTION

### NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 16.04.2026

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is"and "As is what is" basis on 16.04.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

**The details are as under:** Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **15.04.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Co-Obligants and Loan Account No. | Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Costs | Possession Date Possession Type | Description of the Property/ies | Reserve Price (Rs.) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. | Auction Time | Incremental Value of the Bid | Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(1) Mr. Anand H R,** S/o Rangaswamy Naidu, **(2) Mrs. Geetha A** W/o Anand H R **(3) Mr. Nithin H A** S/o Anand H R, **All are residing at :** No.85/42, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Near Ullal Signal, Opposite to Jnanabharathi Bus Stop, Ullal Main Road , Bangalore-560056. **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No : 9457001600004101** | **Rs. 3,13,09,117.40 (Rupees Three Crore Thirteen Lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and Paise Forty Only) as on 14.02.2026** | **22.12.2025 Constructive** | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.79/4, BBMP Khata No.432,,Sy No,79,** Property bearing **Site No.4/A, , Khata No .79/4,4A/84/1/2 &** the Property bearing No.4, House List No.84/4, Sy.No.79, BBMP Khata No 585/556/503/556/79/84/1/2 (duly converted by special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide order ALN.SR(S) 428/1988-89) situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently coming under the Limits of BBMP, totally admeasuring 3182.3 Sq.Ft (after amalgamation of three properties) along with residential building constructed thereon belonging to **Mr. Anand H R.** **Boundaries of Property: Site No.84/4 : East by :** Vacant Land and Road, **West by :** Muniraj's Property, **North by :** C Gopal's Property, **South by :** Krishnappa's Property. **Site No.4/4 : East by :** Private Property , **West by :** Mahesh's Property, **North by :** Private Property , **South by :** Private Property. **Site No.79/4 : East by :** Remaining Portion, **West by :** Mahesh's Property, **North by :** Devraj Property , **South by :** Road. | **Rs. 3,42,50,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Forty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only).** | **Rs. 34,25,000/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)** | **10.00 AM to 10.15 AM** | **Rs. 1,00,000/-** | **Karnataka Bank Ltd Branch: Bengaluru – Kaggadasapura A/c No: 9453500200004101 IFSC:KARB0000945** |

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

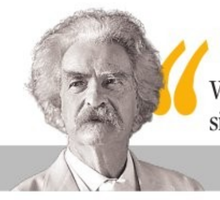
**(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8)Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors).**

**For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com under the head "Regulatory and others".**

The E-auction will be conducted through portal www.auctionbazaar.com on **16.04.2026** at above mentioned time with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **www.auctionbazaar.com** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **15.04.2026**) from **M/s Auction Bazaar, 7-1-28/1/A/1 Park Avenue 1, Ameerpet, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Secunderbad, Telangana, India, 500016, Contact Mobile No. 8885035382, E-mail : disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

**Date : 11.03.2026** **Sd/- Assistant General Manager & Authorised Officer,**
**Place: Bengaluru** **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

# EDITORIAL



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— Ramnath Goenka

## GULF CRISIS HITS ENERGY & GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT, COOLER HEADS MUST ACT

A Thai cargo vessel bound for India was struck in the strategic Gulf shipping corridor on Wednesday—the clearest signal yet that the escalating confrontation between the United States, Israel and Iran is pushing one of the world's most vital energy routes toward paralysis. The Thai cargo vessel *Mayuree Naree* was attacked while transiting the strategic Strait of Hormuz, the critical artery linking the Persian Gulf to global markets. En route to Kandla, the vessel was struck by an unidentified projectile, igniting parts of the ship and prompting a crew rescue. Maritime agencies report three other vessels hit on Wednesday, bringing the total since the conflict escalated to 14—signalling that commercial shipping is now squarely in the war's crosshairs.

The escalation began after the United States and Israel launched strikes on Iran on February 28, triggering a volatile cycle of retaliation across the Gulf. Tehran has since intensified efforts to disrupt maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a move that threatens the very foundation of the global energy system. The stakes are enormous. Nearly one-fifth of the world's oil and liquefied natural gas flows through this narrow passage. According to United Nations data, shipping traffic has collapsed by 97 percent since hostilities began.

The shock is already coursing through global markets. Nearly 15 million barrels of crude a day, plus 4.5 million barrels of refined fuels, are effectively trapped inside the Persian Gulf as traffic through the Strait of Hormuz collapses. Exporters like Iraq and Kuwait have no viable alternative routes, pushing oil prices toward highs last seen in 2022. The International Energy Agency has responded with a historic 400-million-barrel emergency release, while US Central Command says it has destroyed 16 Iranian mine-laying vessels to keep the strait open.

For India, heavily dependent on Gulf energy supplies and home to thousands of seafarers working in global merchant fleets, the danger is immediate and personal. Yet the crisis now extends far beyond shipping lanes. Oil depots and energy infrastructure across the region are burning, spewing toxic smoke and raising the spectre of long-term ecological damage. If the escalation continues, the world faces far more than disrupted shipping—a prolonged energy shock, environmental catastrophe, and a war reshaping West Asia's strategic map for the worse. Diplomacy must prevail before the world plunges into an unprecedented crisis.

## AN OFFER BEYOND THE GUN TELANGANA SHOWS A WAY

WHAT transpired on March 7 in Telangana would have been unthinkable a couple of decades ago. With the surrender of 130 Maoists, the state police declared Telangana effectively Maoist-free as the banned outfit's state committee folded. This followed the surrender of two Central Committee leaders, Devji and Malla Raji Reddy. Now speculation is rife that former Maoist chief Ganapathi, alias Muppala Lakshmana Rao, may be the next to join the mainstream.

There can be little doubt about what brought the Maoists down from their heydays, when they ran a parallel government in the Dandakaranya forest region, including the interior parts of Telangana. Operation Kagar, launched in 2024 to eradicate the violent movement by the end of this month, pushed the Maoists to their limits. It resulted in the deaths of hundreds of them and serious casualties among the security forces. Yet force alone cannot close this bloody chapter in the country's history. A weakened force can disperse, lie low and wait for another opportunity to return.

In this context, the Telangana government adopted a proactive approach. Instead of simply hunting down the beleaguered Maoists, it offered them a chance to lay down their arms. The government promised them a respectable life and after negotiations, persuaded them to abandon violence. Telangana, mindful of the role the Maoists once played in the state's history, has thus shown a path that the Centre and other states affected by Left-wing extremism could follow.

The Naxalite movement from the 1970s onwards had a deep impact on Telangana society. Its influence in cultural, political and social spheres was, and in some ways still is, significant. Its fight against feudalism and the exploitation of peasants, tribals and workers cannot be ignored. But society has changed, and so have social conditions, leading to a steady decline in its influence. People today are far more aware of their rights, technology has advanced rapidly and society faces new challenges.

Violence in the name of justice will only backfire, tearing society apart and giving hostile forces an opportunity to exploit unrest. In a changing world, unity is essential. Alienating those who sacrificed their lives for the cause of the poor, however misguided their path, is not the answer. Their return to the mainstream can strengthen the democratic fight against corruption and forces that threaten the country's progress.

**QUICK TAKE**

### FASHIONED RUIN

STARTING July 2026, the European Union will forbid the destruction of unsold clothing and shoes, requiring companies to rethink overproduction, emphasise reuse and expand recycling. Beyond unsold stock, fast fashion presents an even greater environmental challenge. This system produces cheap, low-quality garments at high speed which consumers discard almost immediately, creating enormous textile waste. It consumes vast amounts of water and generates roughly 10 percent of global carbon emissions, more than all international flights and shipping combined. Fast fashion has also become widespread in India, making regulation urgent. This relentless cycle of buying and discarding hides the true environmental cost of the clothes we wear, calling for conscious and responsible consumer choices.

Wangchuk's case illustrates how India's preventive detention laws empower State, test constitutional safeguards and challenge the balance between security and liberty

## WANGCHUK, PREVENTIVE DETENTION AND THE REACH OF STATE POWER

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THE continued detention of Sonam Wangchuk poses vital questions about the legitimacy of India's preventive detention laws. Two aspects are significant. First, despite the habeas corpus petition filed by his wife, Gitanjali Angmo, which the Supreme Court has been considering for over 150 days, Wangchuk remains in prison. By its very nature, a writ of habeas corpus is intended to secure the immediate release and production of the detained person. The Supreme Court's keeping of the petition pending for such a prolonged period undermines its purpose. Secondly, as is common in any detention based on mere suspicion and anxiety, the climate activist is detained without trial on the basis of an administrative report under the National Security Act.

The law of preventive detention in India has a disturbing history. In *A K Gopalan* (1950), the Supreme Court substantially validated the erstwhile Preventive Detention Act, finding fault only with Section 14, which prohibited disclosure of the grounds of detention even to the court. The Act enabled the Centre to detain citizens on grounds of security and public order. The court in *A K Gopalan* practically endorsed the detention of the communist leader, who had suffered incarceration under the British.

*A K Gopalan* epitomised one of the first illiberal judgements of the Supreme Court of India. The detention was challenged for breaching Articles 14, 19 and 21, which guarantee equality before the law, freedom of expression and protection of life and personal liberty. Additionally, Gopalan relied on Article 22, which provides protection against arrest and detention in certain cases. But the court overruled these contentions. The law laid down in *A K Gopalan*, however, was overturned in *Maneka Gandhi* (1978), which addressed the interplay between fundamental rights and upheld their centrality in the lives of citizens. *A K Gopalan* was decided at a time when the Congress government's majoritarianism sought to restrict oppositional liberty, while *Maneka Gandhi* was decided when the country rescued itself from the clutches of the Emergency.

Article 22(3) implies that the legislature may enact a law to facilitate preventive detention. Article 22(4) prescribes a three-month time limit for such detention and permits extensions based on the report of an advisory board. This is the constitutional foundation for draconian enactments like the Preventive Detention Act, 1950; Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), 1971 and National Security Act, 1980. B R Ambedkar's optimism regarding Article 22 (Article 15A in the proposed draft) was based on other constitutional provisions that stipulate due process before arrest and detention. Members like Thakur Das Bhargava and Mahavir Tyagi warned that this constitutional indulgence could enable future draconian laws. Their criticism was not merely legal—it was ethical, historical and political. It was a prescient warning against the rise of an illiberal state.

Indian preventive detention laws ultimately proved Ambedkar wrong and his critics right. The communist leader, who had been incarcerated under the British, became a victim of the first preventive detention law which the Supreme Court endorsed. History, like an Orwellian novel, reveals ironies in political powerplay, often annihilating even the surviving idea of justice. Parliament repealed the 1950 Act in 1969.

Then came MISA, which led to the incarceration of thousands of opposition leaders during the Emergency. This Act was later repealed in 1978 by the Janata Party regime. The dispensations that discarded the idea of freedom and sought to suppress dissent and dissidents were clearly on the wrong side of history. Judicial endorsement of such State actions met a similar fate, reinforcing the principle that law cannot always shield injustice when it serves political expediency.

Now, back to Wangchuk. Neither the Centre nor the Supreme Court had the organic sensibility to learn from India's legal history on preventive detention. They could not learn from their own egregious follies. Wangchuk was arrested on September 26, 2025 and the case has been repeatedly adjourned since October 6, 2025. Continued detention for over five and a half months, without trial or conviction, of the Magsaysay Award-winning climate activist, demonstrates the precarious state of our democracy.

In Wangchuk's case, breach of the provisions of the 1980 Act was demonstrated, though the validity of the statute itself was not challenged. The National Security Act empowers the State to detain anyone agitating for political causes on vague grounds like 'security of India' and 'maintenance of public order'. It grants unfettered powers to state governments, district magistrates and police commissioners. Moreover, the provisions governing execution and validation of detention orders are highly stringent. Section 5A provides that a detention order will remain valid even if some grounds are vague, irrelevant, unconnected or otherwise invalid. It was argued that this is subservient to Article 22, which imposes broader safeguards against preventive detention. Based on Section 8 of the Act, it was contended that non-disclosure of the grounds would vitiate the detention.

It was shown that the detaining authority—district magistrate—without application of mind, merely copied and pasted the recommendations of the Ladakh administration. The court was told that there were no materials linking Wangchuk to the allegations. The demand for statehood for Ladakh is a political slogan, not divisive or partisan. Many such demands have arisen in the past across India, yet Centre's response in Wangchuk's case has been disproportionate and politically charged.

The repeated adjournments in Gitanjali's petition reflect poorly on the court. The case has been adjourned again until next week. Meanwhile, Gitanjali stated that once Wangchuk is released, he will not pursue even the path of peaceful agitation. This demonstrates the fragility of freedom and the limits of expression in practice, despite constitutional guarantees.

As of now, what is awaited is not even a final judgement. It is judicial statesmanship. And even if it occurs, it will be undermined by the delay it has taken to manifest. Wangchuk's continued detention thus serves as a stark reminder of the tension between the rule of law and the exercise of unchecked power under preventive detention statutes. It underscores the urgent need for the State and judiciary to reconcile legal procedure with justice and human rights.

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## THAILAND'S FRAGILE STABILITY

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ASIAN AXIS

SINCE 2023, Thai politics has changed direction several times. In under three years, three different prime ministers from separate political families and parties have led the country. This instability has deepened the divide between those who support popular representation and those who favour the conservative monarchical and military order that has shaped Thailand for almost a century. The latest election in February 2026 has heralded the new government under Anutin Charnvirakul and the Bhumjaithai Party.

This article will address four key questions critical to any understanding of the political situation in the country. First, why did the Move Forward Party (MFP) not lead the government? Second, what decisions led to the shift from Move Forward's momentum to the Shinawatras' return through the Pheu Thai Party? Third, what reasons did the Constitutional Court give for removing two elected prime ministers during the transitions between Srettha Thavisin and Paetongtarn Shinawatra? Fourth, how is the current election different and if Anutin's leadership could mean stability in Thailand?

First, although MFP became the largest party in the 2023 general elections, it could not even achieve a majority through coalition. This shows that winning the most seats does not always mean gaining power. The MFP's reform plans faced strong opposition. Senior party leader Pita Limjaroenrat questioned the influence of big business and the military in Thai politics. He argued that the close ties between the two limited participation and encouraged crony capitalism, which affected political leadership.

The most sensitive topic was the monarchy. Pita's call to reform the lèse-majesté law, which makes it a crime to publicly criticise the monarch, drew strong reactions from conservative groups. Since the monarchy is still highly respected in Thailand, these proposals made many people uneasy about what an MFP government might do.

Second, even though the MFP won 151 seats and became the largest party, the way Thailand forms its government is not balanced. The House of Representatives has 500 seats, with 400 directly chosen by voters and the remaining by party-list voting. The party-list system lets parties win votes across the country and put 'loyal' candidates in Parliament, sometimes allowing people with little political experience but strong connections to become lawmakers.

The Senate is just as important. According to the 2017 Constitution, all 250 senators are appointed and help choose the PM. When it was time to vote, the Senate gave little support to MFP's candidate, so Pita did not get enough votes.

AFP

**Thailand's political landscape has been subjected to inconsistent doldrums lately. With public confidence leaning toward the conservative monarchy and rising military influence, the newly-elected coalition government has to face the herculean task of implementing democratic reforms**

This allowed the Pheu Thai Party, which succeeded the Thai Rak Thai Party founded by Thaksin Shinawatra, to form a coalition with groups linked to the military and monarchy. These former rivals joined forces, making Srettha Thavisin prime minister in 2023.

Third, ongoing changes in leadership were also influenced by internal politics and court decisions. The switch from Thavisin to Paetongtarn Shinawatra happened after a Constitutional Court ruling. Thavisin's term was mostly uneventful, but he faced criticism for appointing a lawyer who had been convicted in a case related to the Shinawatra family. The court said this choice did not meet the ethical standards expected of the office and ordered Thavasin's removal. This situation again showed the tensions between coalition partners who had been rivals for a long time.

After Thavisin's removal, Paetongtarn Shinawatra took the office in August 2024 and became Thailand's youngest woman PM. Her leadership brought renewed attention to the Shinawatra family's ties in the region. The ongoing Preah Vihear dispute continues to cause border tensions between Thailand and Cambodia, especially when someone from the Shinawatra family is in charge.

Some in the Thai military are suspicious of the Shinawatras' close relationship with Cambodia's leaders, especially former Prime Minister Hun Sen. These worries grew when a phone call between Paetongtarn Shinawatra and Hun Sen went public and caused a controversy. The Constitutional Court later ruled that her actions threatened national stability and security. As a result, she was removed from office which allowed Anutin to take over in September 2025.

Fourth, when Anutin Charnvirakul first became prime minister, new divisions appeared instead of quick unity. The MFP, now called the People's Party, supported Anutin and the Bhumjaithai Party. Their support depended on his promise to hold early elections that might lead to constitutional reform.

Anutin kept his promise, and early elections took place in February 2026. The results showed a change: the Bhumjaithai Party won 193 seats and together with its coalition partners gained a majority of over 290 seats in the lower house.

After years of dismissals and quick changes in leadership, Thailand now has a majority party with its leader as prime minister. Still, the situation is fragile. Anutin Charnvirakul must balance the demands of those who want more democratic reforms with the interests of conservative groups that support the military and monarchy which have long influenced Thai politics.

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### Odisha's landscape

Ref: *Congress-BJD joint pick* (Mar 11). The BJD-Congress coalition is purely one of tactical understanding. There are two distinct divisions of ideological perceptions in Odisha: those who simply support the Congress and those who don't. How grassroots-level workers of both parties will react to the combination is too uncertain to guess. The BJP might ultimately have the last laugh.
**Jitendranath Guru, Bargarh**

### Ethical stand

Ref: *India's political resolve* (Mar 10). The spade needs to be called a spade. Nothing can be devoid of ethics and natural justice. If the government wants to become a yes-man of the US and Israel, let it be clear. Announce it to the world, buy a Board of Peace chair and continue the journey.
**T S Rao, Ghaziabad**

### BJP's distractions

Re: *'Lapses' in LS* (Mar 11). The BJP members seem to be more obsessed with accusing Rahul Gandhi instead of asserting that the speaker was capable of conducting unbiased sessions. This shows that the BJP has nothing constructive to defend including the PM's absence from Parliament.
**T M Uday Shankar, Hyderabad**

### Renewables switch

Ref: *Gas-what* (Mar 11). The present situation underscores India's structural dependence on imported fossil fuels. Had the country invested more decisively and consistently in renewable alternatives, the economy would not be so vulnerable to distant geopolitical disruptions. Decentralised biogas systems, rooftop solar power and other clean-energy solutions can provide reliable local substitutes for conventional domestic consumption fuels.
**Vidyasagar Reddy Kethiri, Warangal**

### Utilise veterans

Ref: *Shortage of specialists ails TN* (Mar 11). I have worked in State-operated hospitals in Tirunelveli which followed the erstwhile 67-year retirement age. Now that the limit for medical colleges is extended to 70 years for consulting staff, physicians are allowed to work. Furthermore, I had also joined Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital in 1982 under the honorary system. By means of adopting such systems, doctors after retirement can be utilised till the government builds capability to pay regular consultants in time and scale so that services, especially in primary healthcare centres, are not affected.
**Dr S Shanmugam, Tirunelveli**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

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After the US Treasury Secretary, it is now the turn of President Trump's Press Secretary to give Mr. Modi a capitulation certificate

**Sagarika Ghose** @sagarikaghose
Bengal doesn't build temples to frighten and intimidate minorities. Bengal doesn't weaponise faith. That's why we need to celebrate Bengal's Jagannath Temple

**Amit Malviya** @amitmalviya
For months, the strategy appeared clear: create obstacles at every stage of SIR and ultimately force elections on the old 2024 voter list

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor credits Delhi following Jaishankar's talks with Lavrov amid growing concerns over supply disruptions caused by West Asia war

# Russian oil surges to India as Hormuz crisis jolts global energy

**JAYANTH JACOB** @ New Delhi

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor on Wednesday credited India's continued purchase of Russian crude with helping stabilise global oil prices as the West Asia conflict disrupts energy flows. His remarks came as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held discussions with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov amid growing concerns over energy security and supply disruptions caused by tensions in the region.

"India has been a great partner in maintaining stable oil prices around the world. The United States recognises ongoing purchases of Russian oil as part of this effort," Gor said in a post on X, adding that India's role as one of the world's largest consumers and refiners makes cooperation between Washington and New Delhi critical for maintaining energy market stability.

The comments come at a time when the ongoing conflict has severely disrupted maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz. The conflict, which began on February 28, has now entered its twelfth day.

With tanker movement through the Strait severely curtailed, India has rapidly increased its purchases of Russian crude. Ship-tracking data from commodity analytics firm Kpler shows that India's imports of Russian oil surged to around 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) in the first 11 days of March, significantly higher than the 800,000 to 1 million bpd expected before the crisis. Trade sources say volumes could rise further if regular West Asian shipments remain stalled.

The surge in demand has also pushed up the price of Russia's Urals crude at Russian ports. According to market data cited by traders, Urals was offered at around $76 per barrel on a free-on-board basis on Monday, compared with roughly $45 per barrel two weeks earlier.

Meanwhile, Scott Bessent, the US Treasury Secretary, said Washington was working with major energy producers and consumers to maintain stability in global markets. "Under President Donald Trump's leadership we are working with the world's largest producers, consumers and refiners to maintain stability in the world's energy markets while we eliminate threats to our safety and security," Bessent said on X.

Against this backdrop, Jaishankar held a phone conversation with Lavrov to discuss the West Asia conflict and its diplomatic implications. "Shared our assessments on the West Asia conflict and related diplomatic efforts. Also took stock of our bilateral cooperation agenda," Jaishankar said. It was not immediately known if India's procurement of Russian oil figured in the discussion.

**28 Indian-flagged vessels operating in Strait of Hormuz**

The crisis has also raised concerns about the safety of Indian maritime personnel. According to officials, 28 Indian-flagged vessels are currently operating around the Strait of Hormuz, 24 west of the strait carrying 677 Indian seafarers and four east of the strait with 11 crew members. Two Indian nationals working on merchant vessels have died in incidents linked to the conflict, while one remains missing. Several Indians have also been injured across the Gulf region.

# Students waiting to take Azerbaijan and Armenia routes to India stranded

**S LALITHA** @ New Delhi

THE plans by many of the 1,000-plus Indian students to leave Iran by funding their plane tickets to India via the bordering nations of Armenia and Azerbaijan have gone awry.

Students who had booked flight tickets from Armenia to Mumbai or New Delhi to leave by March 15 or 16 have received communication that due to unforeseen circumstances the tickets have been cancelled. The students were supposed to depart on Thursday (March 11) by road to Armenia with the assistance of the Indian Embassy and leave for Indian cities by Fly Dubai airline.

"Some of us decided to go to India via Armenia while some through Azerbaijan. Our tickets are getting cancelled from Armenia to New Delhi and also to Mumbai.

We are in state of panic. Should we leave our present dwelling and go to Armenia or not, we just do not know what to do," Faysal Ahmed, a final year student of Iran University of Medical Sciences, told this newspaper. He added that flights from Azerbaijan to India were also getting cancelled.

The students have shelled out between ₹60,000 and ₹80,000 per ticket to reach India from Yerevan airport.

### Muscat Int'l Airport as an alternative option

The DGCA has coordinated with relevant authorities in West Asia to permit the use of Muscat International Airport as an enroute alternate airport for flights between Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Ras-al-Khaimah, Al-Alan, Fujairah, Sharjah, Jeddah and Madinah and cities in India.

# WHO raises serious concern and warns of health system at risk

**KAVITA BAJELI-DATT** @ New Delhi

THE WHO has warned that the expansion of the conflict in the West Asia is "putting health systems and lives at risk in the region and beyond." Almost 1,000 deaths have been reported in Iran, 50 in Lebanon, 13 in Israel and 11 in other Gulf countries, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said.

In addition, WHO has verified 13 attacks on health care in Iran and one in Lebanon.

Expressing its "serious concern" over attacks on healthcare in Iran, the WHO said, "At all times and in all places, health workers, patients and health facilities must be protected – even in war."

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said, "WHO is deeply concerned about the conflict in the Islamic Republic of Iran and West Asia, with 16 countries affected."

Under international humanitarian law, health care must be protected and not attacked.

An estimated 1,00,000 people have left Tehran, and in Lebanon, more than 60,000 people have been displaced, and at least one million people may be on the move following evacuation orders in the south.

The threat of nuclear facilities being impacted is also concerning: any compromise to nuclear safety could have serious public health consequences. Operations at WHO's Logistics Hub for Global Health Emergencies in Dubai are currently on hold due to insecurity, it said.

Dr Hanan Balkhy, WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, also highlighted the impact on the supply chain and mitigation efforts. "The situation across the Eastern Mediterranean is escalating rapidly, with serious consequences for civilians and health systems."

Across the region, nearly 1,000 people have reportedly been killed and 7,000 injured.

# In a first, SC allows passive euthanasia for man in coma for 13 yrs

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY** @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed the withdrawal of artificial life support to Harish Rana, 32, who has remained a vegetative state for the past 13 years.

The ruling by a bench of justices J B Pardiwala and K V Viswanathan marks the first ever passive euthanasia in the country.

Passive euthanasia is the intentional act of letting a patient, who has remained in a vegetative state for a long period of time and has no chance of recovery, to die by withdrawing or withholding the life support.

Rana, a resident of Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad who was pursing his B Tech degree in Chandigarh, suffered a brain injury in August 2013 after falling from the fourth floor of his paying guest accommodation.

He has since remained in a permanent vegetative state.

The bench directed AIIMS-Delhi to carry out the exercise of withdrawing life support system while ensuring his dignity is maintained.

The court passed the order after considering various factors including doctors' opinion and medical board reports that ruled out chances of a revival.

The order allowing passive euthanasia is in line with the SC's 2018 Common Cause judgment, modified in 2023, recognising the fundamental right to die with dignity.

The court also noted that Rana's family cared for him all these years and never left his side. "To love someone is to care for them not just in times of joy, but in their saddest and darkest hours," the bench said while hailing Harish Rana's parents for their selfless love towards their son.

# SC slams NCERT's 'casual' approach in handling books

**SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY** @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday criticised the "casual" approach of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in handling the chapter on judiciary in the Class VIII social sciences textbook. It directed the Centre to constitute a committee of domain experts within a week to finalise the curriculum related to legal studies in NCERT textbooks.

The Centre informed the court that it had directed the NCERT to review the textbooks for all classes. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi said that instead of asking the NCERT to do so, it would have been appreciated if the Centre had constituted an expert committee to review the curriculum.

The court was informed that NCERT director Dinesh Prasad Saklani had filed an affidavit tendering an unconditional and unqualified apology in person and on behalf of the institution for the inclusion of the contentious material in the textbook. The affidavit said that the chapter had been drafted by a textbook development team chaired by historian Michel Danino, with Suparna Diwakar and Alok Prasanna Kumar associated in the process.

**Hostile reactions noted**

The court observed that the issue had triggered irresponsible commentary online. It took note of the hostile and abusive reactions on social media following the controversy. "We have noticed the manner in which some elements on social media have reacted irresponsibly. The law must take its own course against such rumour mongers," it added.

After going through the affidavit, the court expressed concern over the role of certain individuals involved in drafting the chapter. It directed that Danino, Diwakar and Kumar be disassociated forthwith from universities, public institutions or any academic bodies receiving government funds and not be assigned any kind of responsibilities funded wholly or partly from the public exchequer.

However, the Supreme Court said that its order was not intended to prevent any healthy and objective criticism of the institutional function of the judiciary.

The bench suggested that the panel should preferably include a former senior judge, an eminent academic and a renowned legal practitioner. The court also recommended that the National Judicial Academy be associated with the review process for sections dealing with the judiciary.

MILITARY UPDATE

# Beijing is tightening footprint around India, warns Air Marshal Dixit

**JAVARIA RANA** @ New Delhi

STRATEGIC competition in India's neighbourhood is intensifying as China expands its footprint across South Asia and the Indian Ocean, reshaping regional dynamics through infrastructure investments, political influence and technology partnerships alongside military power, Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit said on Wednesday.

"China views India not as a partner but as a potential threat, a reality we can no longer afford to look away from," the CISC said while addressing a seminar on "Changing Dynamics in India's Neighbourhood" in Delhi. "We share borders with two nuclear-armed adversaries, China and Pakistan... the Indian Ocean, once a relatively peaceful backyard, is now a fiercely contested arena of great power competition," Air Marshal Dixit said.

His remarks came a day after the Union Cabinet approved changes to India's foreign direct investment (FDI) policy governing investments from countries sharing land borders with India, including China, Pakistan and Bangladesh, to streamline approvals currently mandated under the Press Note 3 regime introduced in 2020.

The CISC pointed to China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects across the region, from Gwadar in Pakistan to Hambantota in Sri Lanka and growing influence in Bangladesh and the Maldives, as forming a strategic network around India's maritime periphery.

He cautioned that these developments must be viewed as part of a broader strategic design rather than isolated infrastructure projects.

PARLIAMENT PROCEEDINGS

# 9.8K of total 31K beggars rescued since '23, House told

**VISMAY BASU** @ New Delhi

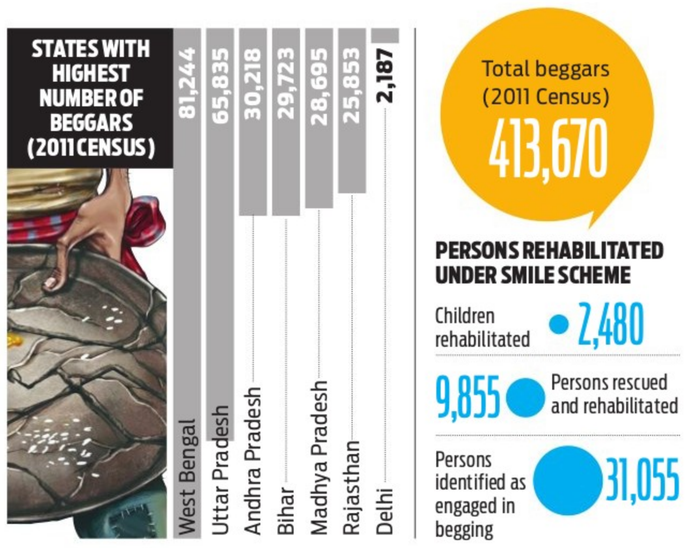
THE Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment told Parliament this week that 9,855 persons engaged in begging had been rescued and rehabilitated across the country since the launch of its flagship Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) scheme in October 2023. The data, placed before the Lok Sabha on March 10, in response to a question raised by Left MP Raja Ram Singh, offers the first consolidated picture of the programme's reach and its limits.

Singh had asked the government to state the number of persons identified and rehabilitated and the steps taken to prevent them from returning to begging. The ministry's reply revealed that 31,055 persons had been identified through surveys conducted under the scheme. Of these, less than one in three, that is 9,855, have been rehabilitated. This figure includes 2,480 children.

The SMILE scheme runs a dedicated sub-scheme for the comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging. It works through district administrations, urban local bodies and municipal corporations, often in partnership with NGOs. Beneficiaries receive vocational training in trades, such as tailoring, carpentry, cooking, gardening, sanitation work, security services and e-rickshaw driving. They are also organised into self-help groups and linked to banks and other government welfare programmes.

The 2011 Census recorded 4,13,670 beggars in India—2,21,673 men and 1,91,997 women. The 31,055 persons identified under SMILE represent less than eight per cent of that figure.

The government also acknowledged that it did not know what happens after rehabilitation. The ministry could not provide answer whether the 9,855 rehabilitated persons remain employed.




# Signatures taken as Oppn to submit notice seeking impeachment of CEC

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

THE Opposition is set to submit a notice seeking a motion for the removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar as signatures have been collected from MPs of both Houses of Parliament, said sources.

According to a senior Opposition member, they have finished collecting signatures and the notice will be submitted either on Thursday or Friday in both Houses.

Around 120 MPs have so far signed the notice to be submitted to the Lok Sabha, and 60 MPs have signed the notice to be submitted in the Upper House.

According to rules, at least 100 MPs must sign a notice seeking the removal of the CEC in the Lok Sabha, and the required strength in the Rajya Sabha is 50. The notice has been signed by members from all INDIA bloc parties, said the leader. This is the first time a notice has been given seeking the removal of the CEC.

Opposition parties have accused the CEC of aiding the ruling BJP on several occasions, especially over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise, which they have alleged is aimed at helping the ruling party at the Centre.

Concerns have especially been expressed over the conduct of the exercise in West Bengal, with Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee accusing the poll panel of deleting genuine voters.

The process for removing the CEC is similar to that for the removal of a Supreme Court or high court judge, and only grounds of proven misbehaviour can lead to impeachment.

## POWER CORRIDOR

### AI TOYS THREAT TO CHILDREN: VAISHNAW

AI-controlled toys pose a threat to children's safety, and immediate actions are being taken in consultation with the Consumer Affairs Ministry and Home Ministry, Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said. During the Question Hour in the Lok Sabha, he said that the government had made provisions under Digital Personal Data Protection Act to ensure children's safety and recently issued rules to mitigate harm from synthetic content.

### 'BHARAT TAXI FOR ALL BIG CITIES SOON'

The government on Wednesday said the cooperative sector ride-hailing service Bharat Taxi would be expanded to all big cities and talukas. In reply to questions on job creation by cooperative societies in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Cooperation Krishan Pal said Bharat Taxi was started to empower drivers. "In the next two or three years, we will take the service to all big cities. Up till now, 4 lakh drivers have been registered with it," he said

### OPPN RAISES RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday criticised the government over various issues, such as rural unemployment, rising LPG prices, digital access and the replacement of MGNREGA with the VB G-RAM-G scheme. Participating in a discussion on the working of the Ministry of Rural Development, CPI(M) MP V Sivadasan alleged that rural India is facing rising distress due to policy decisions. He also raised concerns over migration from villages to cities.

**CURFEW**

Curfew was imposed in Meghalaya's East Garo Hills district on Wednesday, a day after two persons were killed in police firing during protests over district council elections.

3 HELD IN J&K FOR PEDDLING DRUGS IN DODA DIST

| INDIA | Max | Min | | Max | Min |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | 36 | 21 | Mumbai | 31 | 25 |
| Bhopal | 34 | 19 | Panaji | 32 | 25 |
| Jaipur | 33 | 18 | Patna | 33 | 20 |
| Amritsar | 26 | 14 | Lucknow | 32 | 19 |
| Chennai | 34 | 26 | Port Blair | 31 | 26 |
| Kolkata | 32 | 24 | Imphal | 24 | 15 |
| Srinagar | 05 | -2 | Chandigarh | 31 | 17 |

# Police Observers to determine CAPF movement during Bengal polls: EC

In previous elections, district magistrates were authorised to have say on Central forces

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Election Commission (EC) has decided to authorise its police observers to determine the movement of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) deployed in West Bengal ahead of the announcement of the assembly election schedule, poll panel sources said.

The decision is seen as a move to strip the district administration of the power to take a call on the movement of CAPFs during the polls. Till the last elections in West Bengal and other states, district magistrates, including district electoral officers, were authorised to determine the movement of the CAPFs while the model code of conduct (MCC) was in force.

"This time around the poll panel has deputed police observers in advance. These EC-nominated police observers would be authorised to decide the CAPFs' movements in their respective districts," said an EC official.

Sources said the decision has been conveyed to the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), West Bengal. At the same time, the sources said, district-specific composite teams would be formed to evaluate the pocket-specific requirement for CAPF deployment and the decisions of the police observers in the matter would be final.

"The decision to change the jurisdictional authority to determine the CAPF movement was taken after the EC's full bench, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, interacted with all political parties on Monday. The representatives of most parties alleged that the deployed CAPF personnel in the previous elections were either kept idle or were diverted to places other than those where the deployments were required the most," a source said.

While being in Kolkata on Tuesday, the CEC had directed the West Bengal administration to complete the first phase of conducting the route marches and area domination exercises of the available CAPF personnel in all districts by 8 pm on March 14, the sources said.

Analysts say the trust deficit between the TMC government and the EC, as remarked by the Supreme Court recently while hearing petitions challenging the SIR of electoral rolls, appears to be entrenched.

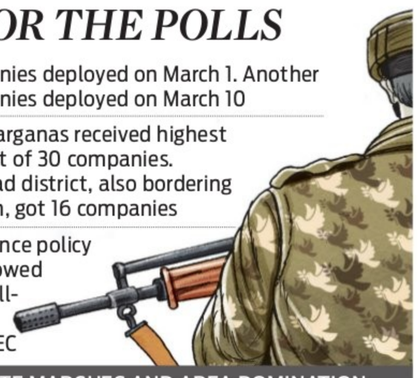
## SECURITY FOR THE POLLS

480 CAPF companies arrived in West Bengal in two separate batches. Each company will have a minimum of 72 armed jawans

240 companies deployed on March 1. Another 240 companies deployed on March 10

North 24 Parganas received highest deployment of 30 companies. Murshidabad district, also bordering Bangladesh, got 16 companies

Zero-tolerance policy will be followed towards poll-related violence: CEC



FIRST PHASE OF ROUTE MARCHES AND AREA DOMINATION EXERCISES TO BE COMPLETED BY 8 PM ON MARCH 14

# ED conducts raids in coal smuggling cases

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

THE Enforment Directorate (ED), probing the money laundering case linked to an alleged mining and coal smuggling scam, on Wednesday intensified its probe ahead of assembly elections in West Bengal.

A team of ED officials raided the Durgapur residence of Manoranjan Mondal, a police officer in Bardhaman. Mondal was asked to appear before the inquiry team on March 13. The latest action is part of a wider probe under PMLA.

According to sources, raids were conducted at nine premises linked to several people, including Mondal and a businessman Ramesh Bansal. Around ₹70 lakh was allegedly seized from Bansal's house. On February 3, the ED had carried out raids at the Kolkata residence of Prateek Jain, director of I-PAC, triggering a political firestorm in the state.

# Battle-ready Bengal BJP goes through credentials of probable candidates

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE core committee of the West Bengal BJP on Wednesday deliberated on the list of candidates for the Assembly polls. Its members discussed each shortlisted candidate before sending the names to the BJP's Central Election Committee. The meeting of the core committee continued for over six hours at the residence of senior party leader J P Nadda in the presence of BJP national party president Nitin Nabin. Union Home Minister Amit Shah later joined the meeting.

According to a senior source, the first list of candidates was examined from every possible angle, particularly focusing on their chances of electoral success. Once the Central Election Committee approves the names in the list, the first batch of candidates, covering more than 50 seats, will be announced soon. The meeting of the Central Election Committee is scheduled to take place on Thursday at the party headquarters, with PM Narendra Modi expected to be present.

A senior BJP source added that the selection of candidates for the elections in Bengal and Kerala is being carried out through several rounds of extensive deliberations. This approach, the source said, reflects the importance of both states for the party, as they are governed by opposition parties.

Sources indicated that the BJP may release lists of candidates for both states well in advance. In the case of West Bengal, the list is likely to focus on constituencies considered crucial. These include seats where BJP candidates narrowly lost in the previous Assembly election. In West Bengal, around 90 to 110 Assembly constituencies are regarded as critical.

### Nominees for 50 seats to be announced soon

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## LUCKNOW DIARY

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### Woman conquers death; all credits to a pothole

Potholes that account for several fatal road accidents turned into a lifesaver for a 'brain dead' woman in Uttar Pradesh. On February 24, the woman's husband was taking her back home for her last rites after the doctors had given up hopes. However, when the ambulance carrying Vineeta Shukla reached the Bareilly-Haridwar NH-74, it hit a pothole, causing a severe jolt. The otherwise insignificant development proved to be a big miracle for the family as she revived after the shock. Vineeta had been declared brain-dead after fainting, on February 22. Her husband, overwhelmed by the miracle, called home to cancel all funeral arrangements.

### UP BJP to toe Gujarat restructuring model

The BJP may pull a cue out of its Gujarat unit playbook to affect a major organisational overhaul in UP in the run-up to the high-stake Assembly elections due early next year. The party think tank is of the view that office-bearers who have been holding organisational positions for two or more consecutive terms of three years may be replaced. A host of state leaders have been holding one or the other positions in the organisation for more than a decade. Likewise, office-bearers who are members of either house of the state legislature, mayors and chairpersons of any boards or council or corporation are likely to be shifted from the seat.

### Late-night scrolling may expand waistline

Late-night scrolling may be doing more than just leaving one sleep deficient — it could be quietly expanding the waistline. A recent study, conducted jointly by the faculty from the Zoology and Biochemistry departments of Allahabad University and their counterparts at MLN Medical College, suggests that excessive cellphone use after 11 pm is linked to a significant rise in obesity among women. The study claims that women who are active on phones late at night show up to a 15% increase in obesity. The research, conducted on a random sample of 35 women, indicates that this habit may also contribute to PCOS.

MANIPUR

# 18 Nagas held captive in row with Kukis

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

TENSIONS flared in Manipur's Ukhrul district on Wednesday after 18 Nagas, including elderly persons, women and children, were held captive by alleged Kuki groups. The persons were intercepted at Shangkai village falling under the Litan police station on the Imphal-Ukhrul road when they were travelling in three vehicles.

The incident followed an anti-poppy drive carried out by some Naga individuals who reportedly took one person from the Kuki community into their custody earlier in the day. It is not known if the person was released.

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand expressed concern over the incident and appealed to those responsible to ensure the safe and unconditional release of the persons at the earliest. He directed senior police and administrative officials to coordinate immediate efforts to keep vigil on the situation and secure the release of the civilians. He appealed to civil society organisations to help calm down the situation. He warned that stringent action would be taken against those found responsible for any unlawful act.

The Tangkhul Naga Long (TNL), Ukhrul's apex Naga organisation, had brought the incident to the CM's notice.

# Major relief to Rahul as Nashik court quashes Savarkar defamation case

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday got a relief from a Nashik court in connection with a defamation case related to his remarks against Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in 2022. Additional chief judicial magistrate (ACJM) R C Narwadia disposed of criminal proceedings against Gandhi because the complainant withdrew his complaint.

ACJM Narwadia had initially ordered the issuance of the process. Against that order, a criminal review application was filed by Gandhi's lawyers in the Nashik sessions court. After hearing the review application, the sessions court magistrate partially allowed the review application and quashed the order to issue the process.

The magistrate also directed the ACJM to reconsider the matter of issuing the process in the original criminal application. In the newly initiated action by ACJM, Sarkarwada police station placed a report before the court under Section 202 of the CrPC. The complainant then withdrew his complaint willingly, and the ACJM disposed of the case.

Senior advocate Jayant Jaibhave said, "Since there is no legal basis or facts in this case, the complainant may have withdrawn the complaint after the Honourable Court had already given its verdict in the review petition. After that, no truth was found to conduct any further investigation."

Gandhi, during his Bharat Jodo Yatra, had made a statement that Savarkar had apologised to the British. Savarkar supporters had filed cases against Gandhi in different parts of the country. One such case was filed against Gandhi in Nashik by the Nirbhaya Foundation.

The Leader of Opposition had to appear in court twice for the hearing of this case.

### Remarks during yatra

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# UP ATS arrests Navy officer from Agra for spying for ISI

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of UP police has caught a Pakistani spy from Agra. The accused, an Indian Navy personnel posted in Kochi, spied for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence). As per ATS sources, the accused used to send pictures and details of the country's warships to his ISI handlers across the border. This was confirmed by documents recovered by ATS.

The Navy personnel had also transferred money to the ISI handlers from his bank account. ATS has arrested the accused from Chitpur village under Kagaraul police station area in Agra on Tuesday.

As per the ATS sources, Adarsh Kumar, alias Lucky, posted in the rank of Lance Naik in the Indian Navy, is a resident of Chitpur village in the Kagaraul police station area of Agra and is currently posted at Southern Naval Command, Kochi.

He married a woman from Mathura just 22 days ago and had gone to Dubai for his honeymoon. He returned from there three days ago.

ATS had been receiving information about Lucky's anti-national activities, like sending crucial information about India to the Pakistan intelligence agency ISI for quite some time.

### Shared strategically sensitive photos with ISI

After his arrest, Lucky was interrogated, and the electronic gadgets in his possession were examined, which confirmed his status as a spy. The investigators alleged he had shared pictures of strategically sensitive naval assets with the ISI agent.

The agency started an investigation and got leads through technical and physical surveillance, during which Adarsh's name cropped up, they added.

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# LeT commander killed in gunfight at LoC in Rajouri

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE militant killed by the Army along the Line of Control (LoC) in the Nowshera sector of Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Tuesday has been identified as a top Lashkar commander of the launchpad module. His killing is being described as a major setback for Lashkar and militancy in the Jammu region.

On Tuesday, the Army foiled an infiltration bid by two militants along the LoC in the Jhangar area of the Nowshera sector in Rajouri by killing one of the infiltrators while another escaped back.

Sources said based on the documents recovered from the slain militant and intelligence inputs, the deceased has been identified as Hamza Yousaf, a resident of PoK. "He was carrying a Pakistani identity card," they said.

According to sources, a large cache of arms and ammunition, two pistols with four magazines, three hand grenades, one mobile set, two SIM cards and some Pakistani currency, was recovered.

WEST ASIA CRISIS

# Uncertain times as Iran war casts shadow on Kashmir's spring tourism

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER being severely hit by the Pahalgam terror attack last year, the clouds of uncertainty are again looming large on Kashmir tourism as the tourist season starts with the opening of the famed Tulip Garden and Badamwari (almond garden) amid the West Asia war and the emerging commercial gas crisis. The tourism stakeholders are apprehensive that the global events may influence travel plans and dampen the tourist rush to the picturesque Valley.

The Badamwari (almond) garden in Srinagar was thrown open to visitors earlier than usual this year after the almond bloom ahead of schedule.

Spread over nearly 300 kanals of land, the garden is currently a spectacle of pink and white blossoms, drawing local visitors and a small number of tourists eager to witness the early signs of spring.

The famed Tulip Garden in Srinagar would also be thrown open to visitors on March 16.

However, this year's spring season has begun with apprehension as tourism stakeholders are apprehensive that the Gulf War may have a severe impact on Kashmir tourism.

Senior hotelier and former Kashmir Hotel & Restaurant Owners Federation (KHAROF) president Abdul Wahid Malik said the hospitality sector is grappling with a shortage of commercial gas.

"We are keeping our fingers crossed in view of war," Malik said. "There are bookings, but whether people will actually come or not will become clear in the coming days."

President of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir (TAAK) Farooq Ahmad Kuthoo said they were expecting good tourist footfall, but uncertainty has slowed travel enquiries.

### Badamwari in full bloom, draws locals, tourists

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# Goa has only 15-day LPG reserve left, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai/Patna/Kolkata

AMID tension in West Asia, many states are facing surge in demand for LPG cylinders, part of which is speculative in nature, as per officials. While the Goa government said that it is left only with 15 days of supply, people were seen resorting to panic buying in parts of Bihar on Wednesday. In West Bengal, the government held an emergency review meeting.

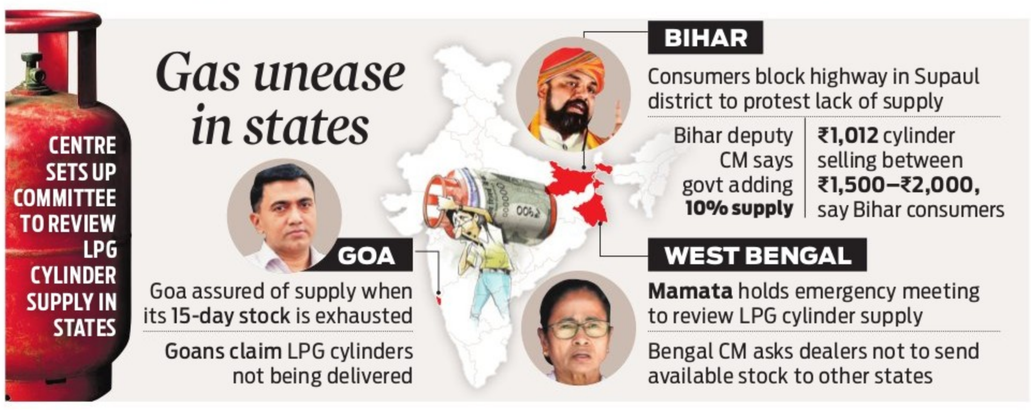
Goa chief minister Pramod Sawant said on Wednesday that the Centre assured him of replenishment beyond the 15-day period. He added that the Centre has constituted a committee to review the stock of LPG cylinders across the country in order to ensure a minimum reserve of 15 days.

However, many Goans said that the cylinders were not being supplied to them despite completing the booking process. Several households had booked their cylinders and received OTPs indicating delivery, but the cylinders were reportedly not provided to them.

Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Wednesday evening, held a meeting with senior administrative officials, including chief secretary Nandini Chakraborty, oil companies and dealers of LPG cylinders to take stock of the situation. She asked the dealers not to send cylinders stocked in the state to other states. She said that the dealers had assured her to keep the supply normal in hospital kitchens and schools.

In Bihar, there are reports of shortage of LPG cylinders in many parts. In Supaul district, consumers blocked NH-327E near Baghla under Triveniganj police station limits on Wednesday morning. Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary said that there would be an increase of about 10% in supply in the coming days.

In Maharashtra, the shortage is affecting commercial entities. Along with small eateries, bar and restaurants are also closing due to shortage.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Gas unease in states
GOA
Goa assured of supply when its 15-day stock is exhausted
Goans claim LPG cylinders not being delivered
BIHAR
Consumers block highway in Supaul district to protest lack of supply
Bihar deputy CM says govt adding 10% supply
₹1,012 cylinder selling between ₹1,500–₹2,000, say Bihar consumers
WEST BENGAL
Mamata holds emergency meeting to review LPG cylinder supply
Bengal CM asks dealers not to send available stock to other states

## BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

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**No. EE(COP)/Z-1/BSCC/Kppp/TN-02/2025-26/Call-3 Date: 11-03-2026**

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) TWO COVER SYSTEM, SHORT TERM TENDER

**(Through GOK KPP Portal only)**

The Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, Zone-1, BSCC, invites tenders on behalf of the Commissioner, BSCC Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the services detailed in the table below.

| Sl. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Providing and supplying staff for Revenue & IT Work of Bengaluru South City Corporation for 1 Year on Out Source Contract Basis. **Amount put to tender** ( Including GST): Rs. 2,30,17,000/- **EMD** : Rs. 3,45,500/- |

**Calendar of events : (1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka KPP Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** under login for Contractors. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **13.03.2026, 4:00 PM** at the Office of the Joint Commissioner Zone-I, Bengaluru South City Corporation, 9th Main Road, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011. **(3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders is : **20.03.2026 up to 5:00 PM. (4)** Technical Bid Opening date: **23.03.2026 at 5:00 PM. (5)** Financial Bid will be intimated to the bidders.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Co-ordination & Planning, Bengaluru South City Corporation**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Mr. Mohammad Haneef** states that original Sale deed dated 17-03-2008 executed by M/s. Kristal Beryl represented by its Joint Managing Partner Sri. Arun Kumar Saboo represented by his SPA holder Sri. Yallappa Dhulikoppa in favour of Dr. Kannan M Narayana and Mrs. Bhagyashree Govindaraju vide document No. 6950/2007-08 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, J P Nagar Bengaluru and original Sale deed dated 19-05-2010 executed by Dr. Kannan M Narayana and Mrs. Bhagyashree Govindaraju represented by their GPA holder Sri. Narayana M Venkatchar in favour of Sri. G S Ramanujam and Mrs. Anjana Sridhar vide document No. 1170/2010-11 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, J P Nagar Bengaluru and MODTD dated 19-05-2010 executed by Sri. Ramanujam G S and Smt. Anjana Sridhar in favour of SBI vide document No. 1177/2010-11 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, J P Nagar Bengaluru is lost during transit.

If any body get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned within 15 days with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

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**POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable property)**

Whereas The undersigned being the authorised officer of Union Bank of India, Yelahanka Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Security Interest (Second) Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002)and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 30.12.2025** calling upon the borrower **1.Mr. H Devaraju,** S/o Late Hanumanthaiah and **2. Mrs. H Bhagyavathi Devaraju,** W/o Mr H Devaraju, **Address:** #1406, Sanitary Core, 3rd Phase, Near Chikkabommsandra, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064, Also At: #482, 7th Main, 11th Cross, 'A' Sector, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064, Also At : #1725, 3rd Phase,Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064, Also at: Hanumanthagiri, Hiredoddanadi Post, Kortagare Taluk, Tumkur Dist - 572140 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1592415.45 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and Forty Five Paise Only) within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 7th day of March 2026.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Union Bank of India, Yelahanka Branch for an amount **Rs.1592415.45 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen and Forty Five Paise Only)** and interest thereon.

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**Description of Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Building No. 1406, Khata No. 1689/1406, measuring East to West 9.14 mtrs and North to South 3,35 mtrs, situated at Sanitary Core, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore - 560064, and bounded on the **East By:** Road, **West By:** House No.1423, **North By:** House No.1407, **South By:** House No.1405.

**Date: 07.03.2026**
**Place: Bangalore**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer Union Bank of India**

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### ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

**ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 37/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:09–03–2026**

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಉಪವಿಭಾಗಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 8443–00–117–0–16–542 ಠೇವಣಿ ವಂತಿಕೆ, 3054–03–102–0–01–200 ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿ ಸೇತುವೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, 4059–80–051–0–29–386 ಇಲಾಖಾ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ **(Standard Tender Document KW - 1 & 4 ರಂತೆ)** ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 3ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗಳಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 7.35 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 125.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಆಗಿರುತ್ತವೆ. ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ 03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 28683 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ), 32320 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–03–2026, ಇಂ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 32274 (2ನೇ ಕರೆ) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–03–2026 ರಂದು) ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

**ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,**
**ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು**

## THE THANJAVUR DISTRICT COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' UNION LTD.,

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**Nanjikottai Road, Thanjavur - 613006. Phone No : 04362 255379 E-mail : gmaavintnj2022@gmail.com**

Rc.No.3611/MKG/2022 **E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 11.03.2026

Open tenders (Technical bid & Commercial bid) are invited from the eligible vehicle contractors for providing vehicles contract in Thanjavur DCMPU Ltd., for the period of **two years (2026-2028)** for following works through e-bid only.

| S.No. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Vehicle Contract for Supply Milk to all channels of agent at Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Myladuthurai Districts. Technical Bid opening **16.04.2026 – 02.30 pm.** |
| 2. | Vehicle Contract for Procure Milk from societies at Thanjavur, Thiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Myladuthurai Districts and also hire the vehicle for office purpose. Technical Bid opening **16.04.2026 – 02.30 pm.** |

The tender forms will be available in Tamilnadu Tenders Portal from **12.03.2026, 11.00 AM** to **11.04.2026, 3.00 PM.** The tender forms may be downloaded from **www.tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost. The Last date of submission of tender forms is **11.04.2026** upto **3.00 PM** Pre Bid meeting will be conducted on **24.03.2026** at **11.00 AM** at **The Thanjavur District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., Thanjavur.**

The Earnest Money Deposit should be remitted by online payment only.

**GENERAL MANAGER,**
**The Thanjavur District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd.,**

DIPR/ 1738 /TENDER/2026

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## GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
## ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED ANGADI DIVISION

ELCOT Angadi

**9th Floor, Sigapi Aachi Building, 18/3, Rukmani Lakshmipathi Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. www.elcot.tn.gov.in | +91 44 2855 6120 | tenders@elcotangadi.in**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**
**Tender No. E-ANGADI-RC-IT09-2026-0006**

ELCOT Angadi Division invites tender for **"Empanelment of Manpower Service agencies for provision of IT skilled manpower services to Govt. Departments and Public Sector Undertakings through ELCOT Angadi".** For complete details, please visit **www.tntenders.gov.in.** Pre-bid meeting: **30.03.2026 @ 11.00 AM.** Last date for submission of e-bids: **27.04.2026 @ 03.00 PM.** For queries please mail to **tenders@elcotangadi.in**

**DIPR/1718/Tender/2026** **General Manager (Procurement)**

## SUNDARAM HOME — Sundaram Finance Group —

**Regd Office:** No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600 002. **Corporate Office:** Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014.

**Branch Office:** Old No. 1947, New No. 19, 2nd Floor, 9th Block, 28th Main, South 'D' Main Road, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 069.

### DEMAND NOTICE

**(Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002)**

The under mentioned parties are hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against each of you under the SARFAESI ACT, 2002, and that the notices under Section 13(2) of the Sarfaesi Act sent to each of you separately by Regd. Post Ack. due have been returned unserved. Hence both / all of you are hereby called upon to take notice to pay jointly and severally the below mentioned outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Company shall proceed and exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Secured Creditor under Section 13 (4) of the Sarfaesi Act to realize its dues with interests and costs as contemplated under the Act. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Company.

| Sl. No. | Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower | File No. Amount (Outstanding Rs.) | Description of the Secured Property |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Mr. Yatheesh R Thubgere (Borrower) Mrs. Chethana S (Co-Borrower) Residing at,** No 787, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 2nd Phase, 5th Stage, Beml Layout Rajarajeshwari Nagar Bangalore - 560098) | **File No. BJN20170016, Rs. 23,72,084/-** As on 08/02/2026) along with further interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment) | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat bearing No. S-2, On Second Floor, Having 1470 Sq.feet Super built up area, along with 455 Sq Feet UDS constructed on property bearing site No.119/A, PID No.10-69-119/A, Situated Mahalakshmi Layout Firther Extension, Bangalore - 560086, Measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs and North to South 21.3+23.77/2, Bangalore. **Boundaries of the Entire Land. Bounded on the:** North By: Road, South By: Road, East By: Site No.120, West By: Site No.119. **Boundaries of the Flat S-2. Bounded on the:** North By: Road, South By: Flat No.S-1, East By: Site No.120, West By: Site No.119. Which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No.5676/15-16. |
| 2 | | **File No. BJN20170123, Rs. 6,08,502/-** As on 08/02/2026) along with further interest and other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment) | |

**Date: 08/02/2026**

**for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., Authorised officer.**

## DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

| Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Demand Notice Date & Amount | Description of Secured asset (immovable property) |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Vinaya N Mrs. CK Saraswathi **Prospect No IL10020230** | **10-Mar-2026, Rs.2932005.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Two Thousand and Five Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being: Flat No. A3-10-10 On 10th Floor, Block A3, Gm Ambitious Encl, Thirupalya, Maragondanaghalli Vill, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560099 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Super_built_up_area , Carpet_area Property Area: 990.00 , 643.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report |
| Mr. Kuppaiah Naidu B Aps Constructions Mrs. Lakshmi B **(Prospect No 826423)** | **09-Mar-2026, Rs. 2083723.36** (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Rupees And Thirty Six Paise Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being: Site.No.28, Anjanapura Grama Khatha No.69, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP 560062 AREA ADMEASURING (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 1200 Bounded By North:Site No.29 SouthBda Property EastRoad WestSite No.60 |
| Mr. Sulibele Jaganath Manjunatha Manju Hairdresses Mrs. Rathnamma **(Prospect No IL10428219)** | **09-Mar-2026, Rs.1022986/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six Rupees Only Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property no. 745/934, Sulibele Village, Hosake Taluk, bengalure Rural, Karnataka 562120 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area_Admeasuring Property Area: 1000 Bounded By North:As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report SouthAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report EastAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report WestAs Per The Title Documents And Technical Report |
| Mr. Santosh Kumar Sahani, Renu Sahani Enterprises Mrs. Renu Sahani **Prospect No IL10565022** | **10-Mar-2026, Rs.2104580.00/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Four Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being: Apartment No 2008 , Floor No. 20, B1, VBHC Haven of Joy, 25 ,28/1,28/2,29/4, 29/6,29/7, 29/9, 29/10, 29/11,29/12,29/13,29/14,29/15,32/1A, Doddabele Village,-Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-560060 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Carpet_Area , Saleable_Area Property Area: 354.03 , 540.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Report |
| Mrs. Lalith Rangadamappa Mr. Nagaraju R M V Hair Cutting Saloon **Prospect No IL10565256** | **10-Mar-2026, Rs. 2213482.00/-** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Two Only) | All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No. 45, Assessment No. 3/10, Alluru Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka , 562123 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land_Area , Carpet_Area , Built_Up_Area Property Area: 840.00 , 840.00 , 1260.00 Bounded By: North: Others Property South: Property No. 44 East: Road West: Others Property |

If the said Borrower fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers. For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office :** 1st Floor, Manjunatha Sankeerna, BM Road, Ijoor, Ramanagara-562159./ or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.

**Place : Bangalore ; Date : 12.03.2026** **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

## GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
## DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NAMAKKAL

**Srilankan Refugees Camp, Phase III 2025-26**
**Construction of 424 houses in 53 Blocks (8 houses / block) Ground Floor 4 houses and First Floor 4 houses (G+1) in Srilankan Refugees Camp, Paramathi, Namakkal District.**
**Tender Notice Ref. No. Roc. No.2867/2023/A3, dated: 09.03.2026.**
**e-Tender**

1. For details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**
2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, District Rural Development Agency of Namakkal District for Construction of 424 houses in 53 Blocks (8 houses /block) Ground Floor 4 houses and First Floor 4 houses (G+1) in **Srilankan Refugees Camp, Paramathi, Namakkal District 2025-26** under two cover system.
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **13.03.2026 to 16.04.2026.**
   - i) Last Date and Time for downloading and submission of Bid Documents : **16.04.2026 Upto 03.00 PM**
   - ii) Date and Time of Online opening of Bid Documents : **16.04.2026 After 04.00 PM Onwards**

**Project Director,**
**District Rural Development Agency, Namakkal.**

DIPR/1697/TENDER/2026

## KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

**Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices**

Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585 102. Mobile No. 77606 86172 (COSP), 77609 92029 (S.O).

No.KKRTC/CO/COSP/13/2025-26 Dated:11.03.2026

### TENDER INVITING NOTICE (THROUGH KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

Tenders through **kpp portal** (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for supply of following items.

| Sl. No. | Tender No. | Tender Nomenclature | Estimate Value (Rs.) | Last date for submission of tender |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | KKRTC/2024-25/ IND0125/CALL-6 | Procurement of Oil Seals. | **0.90 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 2 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0168/CALL-3 | Procurement of Water pump and parts. | **1.10 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 3 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0180/CALL-2 | Procurement of Brake Linings and Clutch facings. | **3.51 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 4 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0192 | Procurement of Thin walled Bearings. | **0.70 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 5 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0189 | Procurement of Plywood Sheets. | **0.58 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 6 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0190 | Procurement of Curing Envelops and Curing Bags | **0.58 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 7 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0187 | Procurement of Vinyl Coated Fabric. | **2.96 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 8 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0191/CALL-2 | Procurement of Thermal paper Rolls of 15 mtr Length for ETMs, With or without printing advertisement on the backside with single color. | **3.50 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |
| 9 | KKRTC/2025-26/ IND0185 | Retro Reflective tape without QR code. | **0.30 Crores** | 15.04.2026 at 15.00 hrs |

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal-home** to **cospnekrtc@gmail.com** or **support@eprochelpdesk.com** for further information if required. Further, any addendum /corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through KPP portal.

**Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases (Tender Inviting Authority)**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1160/KSMC&A/2025-26

## JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

**Registered Office:** **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

### E-AUCTION NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.**

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

| Sr. No. | Loan Account Number | Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor | Date of 13-2 Notice | Date of Possession | Present Outstanding balance as on 09.03.2026 | Date & Time of Inspection of the property | Reserve Price in INR | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR | Date and Time of E-Auction | Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 33639430001149 33639430001366 & 33639410000982 | 1) Mrs. V S Nagamani, 2) Mrs. K S Bharathi Prasad, 3) Mr. Jagannath B Avatagi | 25.09.2025 | 18.12.2025 | **Rs.41,39,103.92** (Rupees Forty One Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Three and Ninety Two Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.30,81,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakh Eighty One Thousand Only) | **Rs.3,08,100/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Eight Thousand One Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Khaneshumari No.106/1 measuring East to West 156 ft. and North to South 39 ft. and in meter measuring East to West 47.5488 Meter and North to South 17.8872 total 565.22 Sq.meter. New PID No.152900301200500120 situated at V.G. Doddi, Anchikuppe Grama Panchayath, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk, and **Bonded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Chandrashekhar, **North by:** Property belongs to Siddanna, **South by:** Property belongs to Puttaveeranna. Measuring East to West 47.5488 Mt and North to South 11.8872 total 565.22 Sq.mt. | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 45359630001333 | 1) Mr. Naveena R N, 2) Mrs. Kullamma | 19.06.2025 | 30-12-2025 | **Rs.5,47,274.86** (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Four and Eighty Six Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.8,43,000/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Forty Three Thousand Only) | **Rs.84,300/-** (Rupees Eighty Four Thousand Three Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel for Property E Khatha No.152900201402100007 Khaneshumari No.12/145, measuring East to West 9.144 Meter and North to South 15.849 Meters, Total Building Measuring: 144.923 Sq.meter. Situated at Avaremala Rampura Village, Dyavasandra Gram Panchayath, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House belongs to Jogi Siddaiah, **West by:** House belongs to Mallamma and Property belongs to Kempamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Road. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 45359630000675 & 45359410000770 | 1) Mr. Chaluvaraju, 2) Mr. Chikkamma | 09.07.2025 | 24-12-2025 | **Rs.10,21,722.31** (Rupees Ten Lakh Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and Thirty One Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.7,35,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Only) | **Rs.73,500/-** (Rupees Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel the for Property E-Khatha No.152900203800300175, Khanesumari No.167/177, measuring East to West 4.8766 meters and North to South 15.24 meters, Situated at Bijjahalli Village, Herindyapanahalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** House and Site belongs to Ningaiah, S/o. Siddaiah, **West by:** House belongs to Singraiah, S/o. Buddaiah, **North by:** Government Road, **South by:** Government Road. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 45359630001372 | 1) Mr. Siddaraju A G, 2) Mrs. Madevamma | 16.12.2024 | 10-01-2026 | **Rs.6,99,181.06** (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty One and Six Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.7,27,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Only) | **Rs.72,700/-** (Rupees Seventy Two Thousand Seven Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel for Property No.C, Property No.25, SI.No.40, Khatha No.40/25/C, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 41 feet, totally measuring 1025 Sq.feet, situated at Ajjegowdanavalase Village, Thokasandra Gram Panchayath, Maralavadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** 25 Feet of Pathway Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Puttarayamma, **North by:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma, **South by:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma. Measuring East to West: 7.61999 Mtr and North to South:12.49679 Mtr. | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 47059630000516 | 1) Mr. Raju, 2) Mrs. Sowjanya R | 10-07-2025 | 07-01-2026 | **Rs.6,01,331.76** (Rupees Six Lakh One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One and Seventy Six Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.7,29,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Only) | **Rs.72,900/-** (Rupees Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing E Khatha No.152900200401400124, Khaneshumari No.35/27/1 measuring East to West 6.096 meters and North to South 18.288 Meters, situated at Gullahattikal Village, Kaggalahalli Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Rajabeedi, **West by:** Remaining Own Property, **North by:** House belongs to Shivalingaiah, **South by:** Rajabeedi. | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 45350430001061 | 1) Mrs. Gowramma, 2) Mr. Devaraju, 3) Mr. Yashodha Narayanappa | 17.05.2025 | 23-12-2025 | **Rs.6,04,885.71** (Rupees Six Lakh Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Five and Seventy One Paisa Only) | 24.03.2026 Time: 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM | **Rs.6,89,000/-** (Rupees Six Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Only) | **Rs.68,900/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Only) | 30.03.2026 @ 02:00 PM | 28.03.2026, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071 |
| | **Details of Secured Assets:** All that piece and parcel of the Property No.234/4, S.I.No.266, measuring 30x40 feet, situated at Arebommanahalli Village, Arebommanahalli Grama Panchayath, Thyamagonda Hobali, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore District and **Bounded on: East by:** Road, **West by:** Vacant Site, **North by:** House belongs to Jayamma, **South by:** Vacant Place. | | | | | | | | | |

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in** & **www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Varun B Contact Number: 8142000809. Email id: info@bankauctions.in/ Karnataka@bankauctions.in..**

For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653).** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

**Date: 12.03.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural** **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

## PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED (PFL)

Piramal Finance

**Registered Office Address :** Registered Office Address: Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park , Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai-400 070.
**CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639 , Web Side:- www.piramalfinance.com**

### DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of **Piramal Finance Limited (PFL) (Formerly Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Ltd.)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to **PFL**, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to **PFL** by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

| Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date | Description of secured asset (immovable property) |
|---|---|---|
| (LC No. HLSA0000B720 of Bangalore Branch) P Sivadasan (Borrower) Bindu M (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 13-02-2026 /₹ 4749934 /- (₹ Forty Seven lakh Forty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four Only) NPA (03-02-2026) | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.11, Municipal Assessment Katha No.835/1590/11, Situated at Majamad Bashir Ahmad Layout, AnekalTown, Bengaluru Urban District, East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet measuring 1200 Square Feet, consisting of a R.C.C. building with Ground Floor measuring 772 Square Feet and bounded on ; |
| (LC No. HLSA0000B720TU of Bangalore Branch) P Sivadasan (Borrower) Bindu M (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 13-02-2026 / ₹ 1689236 /- (₹ Sixteen lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six Only) NPA (03-02-2026) | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No.11, Municipal Assessment Katha No.835/1590/11, Situated at Majamad Bashir Ahmad Layout, AnekalTown, Bengaluru Urban District, East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet measuring 1200 Square Feet, consisting of a R.C.C. building with Ground Floor measuring 772 Square Feet and bounded on ; |
| (LC No. HLSA000567B6 of Bangalore Branch) S Nagaveni (Borrower) D Rajesh (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 19-02-2026 /₹ 4386966 /- (₹ Forty Three lakh Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six Only) NPA (03-02-2026) | All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No. 54, VP Khata No. 1974, House List No. 1853/54, BBMP Khata No. 1974/1853/54EP, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpurna Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, presently under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 129-Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru, Site measuring East -West: 21 Ft., North-South: 40 Ft., totally measuring 840 Sq. Fr., along with RCC roofed residential building in the ground floor 6 Square, First floor - 6 Square, Second Floor- 5 Squares in total 17 Squares with all Civic amenities; |
| (LC No. HLSA000567B6TU of Bangalore Branch) S Nagaveni (Borrower) D Rajesh (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 19-02-2026 /₹ 1134290 /- (₹ Eleven lakh Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Only) NPA (03-02-2026) | All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Eastern Portion of Site No. 54, VP Khata No. 1974, House List No. 1853/54, BBMP Khata No. 1974/1853/54EP, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthpurna Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, presently under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 129-Jnanabharathi, Bengaluru, Site measuring East -West: 21 Ft., North-South: 40 Ft., totally measuring 840 Sq. Fr., along with RCC roofed residential building in the ground floor 6 Square, First floor - 6 Square, Second Floor- 5 Squares in total 17 Squares with all Civic amenities; |
| (LC No. HLSA0009954C of Bengaluru - Kengeri Branch) Nagaraj S (Borrower) N Eshwari (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 19-02-2026 /₹ 7920951 /- (₹ Seventy Nine lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) NPA (03-02-2026) | All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing Site No.04, Portion of BBMP Katha No.432/36/3, converted Survey No.36/3, vide conversion order No.ALN/SR/655/2015-16, dated: 27.04.2016, Situated at Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.195, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) feet and North to South: On Eastern Side: 68-0 (Sixty Eight) feet, on Western Side: 72-0 (Seventy Two) feet, in all measuring 2100 Square Feet. |
| (LC No. 21600042222 of Mysuru - Saraswathipuram Branch) Prasad A (Borrower) Ashwini S (Co Borrower 1) | Dt : 16-02-2026 /₹ 3148077.75 /- (₹ Thirty One lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seventy Seven Only and Seventy Five Paise) NPA (09-12-2025) | All that part and parcel of the property bearing no. All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing House No.83, duly assigned measuring East to West : 12.20 Mtrs & North to South : 9.14 Mtrs in all measuring 111.51 Sq.Mtrs, in the above mentioned Prashanta Chaya Situated at Janthagalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, within the Administration Jurisdiction of Mosanabayanahalli Grama Panchayat Vide Unique No.152200414044020519 bounded as under : East: Road, West: Site Bearing No.75, North: Site Bearing No.82, South: Site Bearing no.84 |

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to **PFL** as aforesaid, **PFL** shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **PFL**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

**DATE : 12.03.2026** **SD/-**
**PLACE : Bangalore-Karnataka** **(AUTHORISED OFFICER), PIRAMAL FINANCE LIMITED**

**6 killed**
and three severely injured as fire engulfs a bus in Switzerland

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beijing | 21 | 1 | SNY | Los Angeles | 20 | 12 | SNY |
| Colombo | 28 | 24 | SNY | Melbourne | 26 | 15 | LC |
| Dhaka | 31 | 19 | SNY | Moscow | 4 | 2 | SNY |
| Dubai | 26 | 21 | SNY | New York | 7 | 2 | SNY |
| Houston | 31 | 19 | TDS | Singapore | 28 | 25 | TDS |
| Istanbul | 33 | 21 | SNY | Toronto | 1 | -5 | SNY |
| London | 13 | 9 | SNY | Washington | 3 | -2 | SNY |

# 400M BARRELS OF RESERVE OIL RELEASED TO COOL COST

Unprecedented release by the International Energy Agency to benefit its 32 members

### SL court orders handover of Iranian sailors' bodies

COLOMBO: A Sri Lankan court on Wednesday ordered authorities to hand over the bodies of 84 Iranian sailors killed in a US attack on an Iranian vessel off the country's southern coast to Iran's embassy. Galle Chief Magistrate Sameera Dodangoda directed the Galle National Hospital to release the bodies following a police request. The sailors died when the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena sank off Galle after the attack last week while returning from a naval exercise in Visakhapatnam, India. The bodies, recovered by Sri Lankan authorities, are currently stored in refrigerated containers at the hospital. Thirty-two survivors were earlier discharged and moved to a Sri Lanka Air Force base in Galle.

### Ukrainian experts aid Gulf against drones

KYIV: Ukrainian anti-drone experts have begun working in three Gulf states targeted by Iranian attacks, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said. Kyiv has sought to leverage its expertise in downing Russian drones to help the Gulf nations, which are being attacked with the same Iranian-designed Shahed drones that Russia fires on Ukraine. "Three of our teams have gone — strong teams of experts, military personnel, engineers, different people. Today the military are already communicating and already working," Zelenskyy told reporters. His spokesman confirmed separately that the three countries were Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. Kyiv uses a mix of cheap drone interceptors, electronic jamming tools and anti-aircraft guns to down Russian drones.

Flames rise from an Israeli airstrike in Dahiyeh. Israel pressed its attacks across Lebanon on Wednesday, hitting an apartment building in central Beirut, in the second targeting of the heart of the capital since the West Asia war began | AP

**PARIS**

THE International Energy Agency said on Wednesday its member countries would unlock 400 million barrels of oil from their reserves to ease the impact of the West Asia war, the biggest such release ever.

"The oil market challenges we are facing are unprecedented in scale, therefore I am very glad that IEA member countries have responded with an emergency collective action of unprecedented size," IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol said.

The IEA-coordinated release exceeded the 182 million barrels of oil that member countries of the Paris-based global energy body released in 2022 when Russian leader Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine.

"The emergency stocks will be made available to the market over a timeframe that is appropriate to the national circumstances of each member country and will be supplemented by additional emergency measures by some countries," the IEA said. The announcement came as leaders of the Group of Seven advanced economies discussed the widespread economic fallout from the US-Israeli war with Iran, now into its second week, at a video conference meeting chaired by French President Emmanuel Macron.

WAR WATCH

Earlier on Wednesday, Japan, whose strategic oil reserves are among the world's largest, and Germany said they would tap into their oil reserves.

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said Japan would release reserves as early as Monday, while Germany's Economy and Energy Minister Katherina Reiche said her country planned to do the same, without specifying a date.

"Without waiting for a formal decision on coordinated international stock releases with the IEA, Japan has decided to take the lead in easing supply and demand in the international energy market by releasing strategic reserves as early as the 16th of March," Takaichi told reporters.

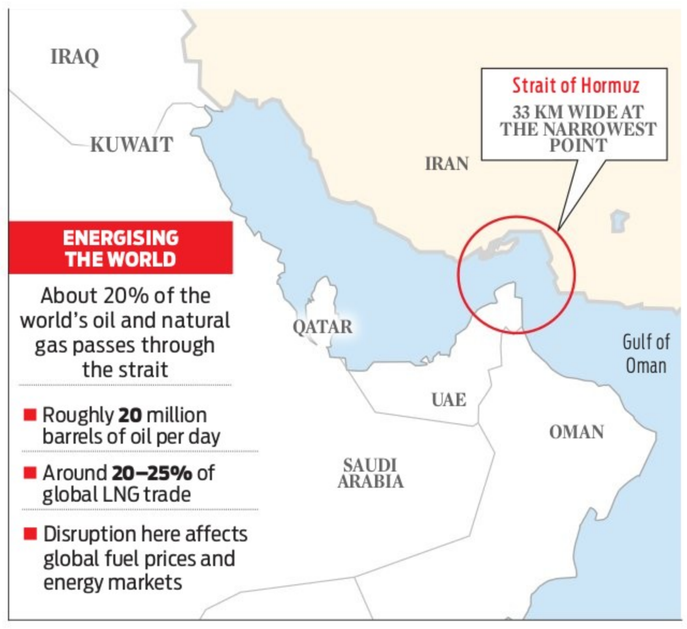
"Given Japan's exceptionally high dependence on the West Asia (for oil) and as we will be severely impacted, we plan to utilise Japan's strategic petroleum reserves," she said.

Reiche said a total of 2.4 million tons would be released.

The crude market has been hit by wild volatility since the United States and Israel began striking Iran at the end of last month, with Tehran retaliating by attacking targets across the oil-rich Gulf and effectively shutting down the Strait of Hormuz. *AFP*

## *Global energy chokepoint in the cross-hairs*

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow waterway between Iran and Oman that connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea, serving as a key maritime route for global shipping. It is a major international waterway through which oil and gas exports from several Gulf countries reach global markets. With Iran going after shipments of American allies, Hormuz has become the biggest maritime chokepoint. The latest threat is the Iranian plan to mine the entire Strait. The US responded by bombing Iran's 16 mine-laying boats in the region. Here's an overview




**ENERGISING THE WORLD**

About 20% of the world's oil and natural gas passes through the strait

- Roughly **20** million barrels of oil per day
- Around **20–25%** of global LNG trade
- Disruption here affects global fuel prices and energy markets

**COUNTRIES USING THE ROUTE**

MAJOR OIL EXPORTERS:
- SAUDI ARABIA
- IRAQ
- KUWAIT
- QATAR
- UAE
- IRAN
- BAHRAIN

MAJOR BUYERS
- CHINA
- INDIA
- JAPAN
- SOUTH KOREA

Most Gulf oil exports to Asia pass through Hormuz

**WHY SHIPPING HAS HALTED**
- Iran has attacked ships and threatened vessels in the strait
- Tanker traffic through Hormuz has largely stopped
- Around 400 oil and product tankers are idle in the Gulf

MAJOR SHIPPING COMPANIES SUSPENDING CROSSINGS INCLUDE
- Maersk
- Hapag-Lloyd
- CMA CGM
- MSC

**IMPACT ON ENERGY MARKETS**

Oil prices have swung sharply amid disruption fears

Even short interruptions can destabilise global markets

A closure lasting a month or more could push crude prices above $100 per barrel

**THREATS IN THE STRAIT**

IRAN CAN TARGET VESSELS USING:
- Anti-ship cruise missiles
- Long-range missiles
- Drones
- Fast attack boats
- Naval mines

The US says it has destroyed 16 Iranian mine-laying vessels during the conflict

**CAN THE STRAIT REOPEN?**

PLANS BEING DISCUSSED INCLUDE:
- Naval escorts for oil tankers
- Multinational patrols
- Increased surveillance and intelligence sharing
- A France-led initiative is exploring escort missions to help shipping resume

SOME PIPELINES IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UAE BYPASS HORMUZ, BUT MOST GULF OIL EXPORTS HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

SOURCE: AP/AFP

## Iran-linked hackers say they wiped 2,00,000 Stryker systems in US

**WASHINGTON**

AN Iran-linked hacking group claimed responsibility Wednesday for a sweeping cyberattack on US medical technology giant Stryker, saying it had wiped more than 200,000 systems and extracted 50 terabytes of data in retaliation for military strikes on Iran.

"Our major cyber operation has been executed with complete success," Handala said in a statement, describing the attack as retaliation for what it called "the brutal attack on the Minab school" and for "ongoing cyber assaults against the infrastructure of the Axis of Resistance."

The group said it had shut down Stryker offices in 79 countries and that all extracted data was "now in the hands of the free people of the world."

It issued an open warning to what it described as "Zionist leaders and their lobbies," adding: "This is only the beginning of a new chapter in cyber warfare." Founded in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Stryker is a global medical device giant with some 56,000 employees and $25.12 billion in 2025 revenues, making everything from orthopedic implants and surgical instruments to hospital beds and robotic surgery systems.

The Handala group later posted that it had also carried out an attack on Verifone, which specializes in electronic and point-of-sale payments. *AFP*

### U.S. SAYS IT DESTROYED 16 MINE-LAYING VESSELS OF IRAN AMID STRAIT TENSIONS

DUBAI: The US military said it destroyed 16 Iranian mine-laying vessels Tuesday as tensions escalated over the strategic Strait of Hormuz, through which about 20% of global oil passes. Washington warned Tehran to remove any mines or face unprecedented strikes, while Iran vowed to block oil exports to its enemies. As the war entered its 11th day, both sides intensified rhetoric, with US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth promising heavier strikes and Iranian leaders ruling out talks. The Pentagon also reported injuries among US troops, while Tehran residents described heavy bombardment and growing fear as thousands fled the capital for safer areas in the countryside.

## Russia defends internet outages, says it will last 'as long as it is needed'

**MOSCOW**

MOBILE internet outages in Russia will last as long as "necessary" to ensure citizens' safety, the Kremlin said on Wednesday, after network disruptions were recorded in Moscow and other Russian cities.

It is the latest in a string of curbs imposed by the Russian authorities on internet access, after Moscow ordered restrictions on messaging apps WhatsApp, owned by US social media giant Meta, and Telegram.

Russia cited the need to combat criminal activity and has been pushing state-backed Russian rival Max instead. But Kremlin critics say it is an attempt to bolster surveillance online. When asked at a daily briefing about how long the outages will last, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said "as long as additional measures are necessary to ensure the safety of our citizens."

He also accused Ukraine of using "increasingly sophisticated attack methods" and said that "more technologically advanced countermeasures are needed" to repel them. Russian security services have frequently claimed that Ukraine was using Telegram to recruit people or commit acts of sabotage in Russia. The outages have "gotten worse lately", Nikolay, a 20-year-old student who refused to give his full name, told AFP in Moscow, adding that "using the internet has become less convenient". "I have problems with messaging apps, I can't contact my loved ones," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin | AP

Critics and rights campaigners say the restrictions are an attempt by the Kremlin to ramp up control and surveillance over internet use in Russia.

They also say it will make it harder for Russians to communicate with people outside the country. Kod Durova, a popular Russian tech blog, said most complaints about network disruption in Moscow were registered in the capital's central districts. It said that since last Thursday the city was experiencing repeated local outages, with internet service at times down for all operators across entire districts. *AFP*

**ASIA MATTERS**

### GRENADE ATTACK STALLS BORDER TALKS

A grenade attack near the disputed border has triggered fresh tensions, with Bangkok urging Phnom Penh to show "genuine sincerity" in resolving boundary disputes. Officials said a 40-mm grenade was fired into Thai territory in Si Sa Ket's Kantharalak district on February 24, calling it a violation of ceasefire agreement. Authorities said survey and demarcation work cannot resume until safety is ensured. Bangkok also cited past grievances, accusing Cambodia of encroachments and failing to meet obligations under a boundary pact while ignoring repeated protests.

IN THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I
BSNL Building, Telephone House 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore, At Bengaluru, Karnataka –560 001.
O. A. No.1393/2022
Between: State Bank of India, SBI -JP Nagar Branch (07117), No. 1104, 24th Main, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560 078.
...Applicant
V/s
1. M/s. Autogenic Engineer's
2. Mr. Manoj H. M.
3. Mr. Sagar Manohara
4. Smt. Sheetal R. S.
5. Smt. Nandini Shivasam
....Defendant/s
SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT No.1 TO 2, UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 (RE-NAMED AS RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993) BY PAPER PUBLICATION
To,
1. M/s. Autogenic Engineer's Pvt. Ltd., , A Private Limited Company, Rep by its Directors Viz, 1) Mr. Manoj H. M.
2) Mr. Sagar Manohara , 3) Smt. Sheetal R. S. 4). Smt. Nandini Shivasamy
Having Offices at :
i) Office at : No.22/2, Shed No. 6, Vigneshwara Nagar, Sunkadakatte, vishwaneedam PT, magadi main road, Behind Arunodaya School, Bangalore - 560 091 Email ID : autogenicengineers @gmail.com, Mob. No. 8147925154.
ii)Office at : No.16, 6th Main Road, Veerabhadreshwara Nagara, Andrahalli Main Road, Herohalli, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore- 560 091.
2. Mr. Sagar Manohara S/o. Mr. K. Manohara ,
Director of M/s. Autogenic Engineer's Pvt. Ltd., ,
Residing at : No. 198, Kumarapura -2, 3rd Floor, 9th Cross, ISRO Layout, Vittal Nagar, Bangalore - 560 078.
3. Smt. Nandini Shivasamy W/o. Mr. Shivaswamy H. N , Director of M/s. Autogenic Engineer's Pvt. Ltd.,
Residing at : No. 20/1, 8th Main Road, Tata Silk Farm, Thyagarajanagar, Bangalore South - 560 028. ...Defendant/s
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of Rs.87,27,336/- (Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Six Only) amount together with current and future interest and other relies.
Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of service of summons through Paper Publication on 17.04.2026 at at 10.30 a.m. in the person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief's prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 02.03.2026
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1 Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my clients Mr. Swaminathan S. and Mrs. Janaki S. are proposing to purchase the Residential Flat bearing No. T-1, bearing Municipal No. 45/9, PID No. 5-2-45/9, on the Third & Fourth Floor of the building known as "Chilume Apartments", constructed on the Property bearing Municipal No. 45, Old Municipal Corporation Nos. 135 & 136, situated at 14th Cross, West Park Road, Kodhandarampuram, Malleshwaram, Ward No. 5, Bengaluru-560003, measuring 2025 Sq.Ft of built up area, along with 13.81% or 828.60 Sq.ft of undivided share in the land (out of the total area of 6000 Sq.ft),; and the said flat is bounded on the East by: West Park Road, West by: Flat Nos. T2 & T3, North by: Private Property and South by: Private Property, which is currently owned by Mrs. Pallavi Deepak, W/o. Late Deepak Krishnamurthy.
The said property originally belonged to one Mr. P.R Krishnamurthy S/o. Late P. Ramachar, he having purchased the same vide Sale Deed dated 09/10/2014. The said Mr. P.R Krishnamurthy died on 16/02/2019 and his wife Mrs. Latha Krishnamurthy having predeceased him on 28/07/2017, leaving behind their son Mr. Deepak Krishnamurthy as their only legal heir. The said Mr. Deepak Krishnamurthy also died intestate on 08/07/2022, leaving behind his wife Mrs. Pallavi Deepak and no children. Now my client is proposing to purchase the above said property from the said Mrs. Pallavi Deepak, who is the only surviving legal heir of Late P.R. Krishnamurthy.
We are taking this Paper Publication notifying the general public about the genesis of title and calling for objections if any from the general public for the sale of the above property to my client by Mrs. Pallavi Deepak. If anybody having any objection for the same or if anybody having claim on the said property, they are requested to contact the undersigned within 15 days of the publication of this notice. Any claim made after the period of 15 days will not be binding on my client.
SOMASHEKHARA A.N., Advocate
No. 105, 3rd Floor, MR Mansion 12th 'D' Main Road Muthyalanagar Bengaluru-560 054

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are informed that my client intends to purchase following lands
Item-1 : All that piece of land with building sheds and structures standing there on situated at property No.41-17-44/A, bearing Assessment No.2030/1, New Ward No.18, Old Ward No.7, 9th Cross, Basaveshwara Nagar, Kollegala, Chamarajanagar Dist, measuring East to West 30.480061 Meters and North to South 10.058420 Meters, in all admeasuring 306.7340 Sq.Meters and bounded on by: East : PID No. 41-17-44, West : PID No.41-514-6th Main Road, North: PID No.41-514-261 (Road) and South: PID No.41-17-44
Item-2 : All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing Assessment No.2030, PID No.41-17-44, Sy No.727, measuring East to west 215 feet and North to South 225 feet, totally measuring 48375 Square feet along with building knows as "Vijaya Lakshmi" situated at Kollegala CMC, Chamarajanagar Dist, and bounded on by: East : Property belongs to Kompal Veerabhadraiah, West : Property belongs to KV Nagalakshmi and A.V.Suraj Kumar, North: House belongs to Pradeep Kumar and Road South: Basthipura Ramaswamy Layout
From, Mr.A.R.Vijayandra Kumar and Mr.A.V.Sandeep Kumar partners of M/s. VIJAYALAKSHMI RICE MILL
Any Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.
KCS ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No. G-1, Ground Floor, "Sai Smaran Apartments", 1st Main Road Pai Layout, Bangalore-560016.
M: 9242323824
Purchaser M:9341743367

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Smt. Manjula, aged about 54 years, W/o. Veerabhadra Swamy @ V.B. Swamy, No. 182, 2nd Main, 6th Cross, NTI Layout, 2nd Phase, Rajivgandhi Nagar, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore - 560 097, while Smt. Manjula was returning to her residence from Devanahalli Town, Bangalore, on: 30-1-2026 has lost the original Sale deed dated: 24-4-2019, Document No. DBP-1-00481/2019-20, CD No. DBPD 536, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapur, Bangalore Rural District, pertaining to immovable property bearing old Survey No. 14, later No. 14/p2, New No. 14/1 - measuring 1 acre (one acre) out of 1 acre 33 guntas, situated at Golyanandigunda Village, Thubagere Hobli, Doddabalapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
If the said document is found by any person, he/she could contact my client through me.
Raveendra Reddy .N, Advocate
No. 105, A.K.V. Chambers, Ibrahim Street, Above Silver Palace, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-01. Ph. 9448119472
E-Mail : reddynr@hotmail.com
Bangalore, Date: 11.03.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Mr. Goutham Kothari, aged about 50 years and Mrs. Manisha Kothari, aged about 48 years residing at No.126, Shanti Villa, 2nd Stage, 1st Main Road, 11th Cross, Mahalakshmipuram Police Station, West of Chord Road, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bengaluru 560 086 intends to buy the property mentioned in the schedule here below from its owner Dr.Aravind Gubbi, S/o. Late G.R.Chandrashekaraiah, residing at No 2, CHB Layout, 8th main road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore- 0560040, and if anyone has got any claim or right over the same may be pleased to intimate within in 10 days of this public notice failing which my client will proceed to buy the same and if any one comes with a claim after the execution of sale deed in favour of my clients, they are not be responsible for the same.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.76/A, having BBMP khatha No 14-74-76/A, now E-Khatha No 6463686095, measuring East to west (91.0" + 90")/2 and North to South (30.6" + 29.6")/2, situated at West of Chord Road, II Stage Extension, Bangalore along with residential building and bounded on: East by: Site No. 75/A., West by: Road, North by: Site No. 76, South by: Site No. 77.
Mariappa M S, B.A.L., LLB, ADVOCATE
Chambers: Mariappa M S & Associates
No. 7, 3rd Floor, Kasturi Apartment, 35/11, Langford Road Cross, Shanthinagar, Bangalore - 560025
Mob; 9448215941, Email: mariappams@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE OF HOSUR
O.S. No. 335/2023
PLAINTIFF : Mr. Satish, S/o. P.M. Narayana Reddy, Hindu, residing at No. 14, Eswari Nilaya, 1st Cross, Thimmappa Reddy layout, Near Mathru Nursing Home, Hulimavu Gate, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560076, Karnataka State.
DEFENDANT No.10: Mrs. Shanthamma, D/o Late Margam Munireddy, W/o Late Gokul Reddy, Hindu, residing at Door No. 1807, 24th Main, 25th Cross, 2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 102, Karnataka State.
NOTICE
The above Plaintiffs filed a suit for Declaration of Title and permanent injunction and other reliefs against the defendant no. 10. The suit is posted on 16/04/2026 for appearance of defendant nos. 10 namely Mrs.Shanthamma, hereby directed to appear in person or through pleader on 16/04/2026 at 10:30 A.M. before the above said court failing which the above suit will be decided exparte in your absence.
N. MANJUNATH, Advocate
#1, Venus Arcade, 1st Floor, Telephone Exchange Road, Near Court Campus, Hosur - 635 109. Cell: 97904 66837

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Smt. SUJATHA. R, W/o. Late. Gopal, aged about 47 years, R/at. No.08, 1st Cross, Kenchappa Layout, Near Mount Olive International School, Varanasi @ Jinkethimmanahalli, Bangalore-560036, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner Sri. VINAY BAFNA, S/o. Sri. Dhanraj Bafna, Aged about 59 years, R/at No.16, 4th Cross, Kumar Park West, Bangalore-560020, for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my clients shall get executed sale deed in her favour.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant Site No.22, E-PID No. 3292465672, carved out of Property No. 9/4, in the layout named as "Sri Sai Layout" now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.5, situated at Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West (36+44.5)/2 feet and North to South (76+50)/2 feet, totally measuring 2535 Square feet and bounded on that:
East by : Site No.126,
West by : Road
North by : Site No.21 (belonging to Sri.Vinay Bafna)
South by : Site No.23
Mr. Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LLB., Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB., No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36. Ph:- 9845520830, 7996219495

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I Sunil Kumar .M have lost original Sale Deeds Document bearing No. BSK-1-00394/2015-16, in respect of Property bearing Site No.75, formed in Sy.No. 12/1, Katha No. 12/1, Situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. In this regard I have also lodged E-Lost report Online, if the said Original Sale Deeds is found it is hereby requested to be delivered to me at below stated contact details.
Sunil Kumar .M
No.149, 1st Cross, 2nd Stage, Bhuneshwarinagara, Bangalore-56.
Mob. No. 9945235859

WESTERN RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION WORKS
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)-I, Western Railway, Indore (MP) invites Tender No: IND-UJN-SIMHASTHA-3. Name of Work: Construction of additional loop line, Construction of passenger amenities, Platform work, Covering Shed of Platform, Extension of Foot Over Bridge, yard drain, Supply & spreading of machine crushed stone ballast, Laying and linking of BG track for Main line/Loop lines and Points & Crossing etc. in section/ yards, Transportation of P.Way materials, Welding of Rails, and other incidental miscellaneous works etc. at Chintaman Ganesh Station for Simhastha - 2028. Approx. Cost: ₹ 9,71,26,016.42. EMD: ₹ 6,35,600/-. Date & Time of Submission of Tender: Upto 15:00 Hrs., 30.03.2026. Date of Opening of Tender: On 30.03.2026 at 15:30 Hrs. Complete details of tender including eligibility criteria are available on E-Tender portal www.ireps.gov.in and at the Notice Board in the office of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)-I, Western Railway, Indore, opposite Platform No. 1, Indore. 1206
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Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

| Specification No. | Tender Inviting Authority | Name of the Work |
|---|---|---|
| T.2377 & T.2378 | CE/Transmission | Establishment of Chidambaram & Palayajayankondam 230/110 KV SS |
| TP-1-178,179,180,181 | CE/TP-I | SSE, Civil & Line works at 110KV SS |
| C-122, 123 & E-53 | CE/TP-II | Civil, Line & Electrical works at 110KV SS |
| ET-46 | SE/O/Tirunelveli | Supply and Application of Silicon coating |

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
DIPR/1728/Tender/2026

**Market Watch**

| MARKET | | | GOLD* | | | SILVER* | | | FOREX | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1342.27 ↓ | Sensex | 76,863.71 | ₹930 ↑ | 24 carat (10 gm) | ₹149,850 | ↔ 1 kg | ₹290,000 | ↓ | Dollar | 91.92 |
| 394.75 ↓ | Nifty | 23,866.85 | ₹850 ↑ | 22 carat (10 gm) | ₹149,850 | ↔ 10 gm | ₹2,900 | ↓ | Euro | 106.96 |

*Delhi Mandi Price

TIE-UP

## SBI ropes in MUFG Bank to foray into M&A financing

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE State Bank of India has roped in Japanese banking giant MUFG Bank to collaborate on financing mergers and acquisitions, aviation and real estate projects to support Indian and global clients, the lenders said in a joint statement on Wednesday.

The move came after the Reserve Bank allowed banks to enter into acquisition finance, allowing funding up 75% of the deal value. SBI chairman CS Setty had last month said they were in talks with a few Japanese banks for M&A finance. Setty had said the bank has a war chest of about ₹94,000 crore for this, and the bank will be going to board soon.

"Given Japanese banks experience in funding acquisitions, we are keen to collaborate with them,'" Setty said without offering more details. Setty had earlier said when the draft direction on acquisition financing was released that it would be based under a special wing of the bank's I-banking arm-SBI Capital Markets.

On February 13, the RBI had issued the final guidelines allowing up to 75% bank funding of M&As, up from 70% in the draft norms and also allowed such funding to both listed and unlisted companies, which was also a change from the draft which allowed only listed companies. The central bank also stated that banks will be allowed to fund promoters' stake while they set up new companies.

"Total bank financing shall not exceed 75% of the acquisition value, as independently assessed by the bank," RBI said, adding the new facility will be available for banks and companies from April 1.

The move opens up a large funding avenue for banks as the annual M&A funding is valued at around $40 billion.

Setty said, "The bank's maximum book size can be ₹94,000 crore depending on capital adequacy as it wants to go slow initially. Also, SBI will initially we will keep structure simple."

> This is a historic $300 bn deal — the biggest in US history. Thank you to our partners in India, and their largest privately held energy company, Reliance, for this tremendous investment
>
> Donald Trump, US President

# RIL may invest in new US refinery project: Trump

### Reliance Industries is expected to partner with Texas-based co America First Refining

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

DONALD Trump on Wednesday said India's Reliance Industries is expected to invest or partner in what could become the first new oil refinery project in the US in about 50 years, proposed to be built in Brownsville, Texas. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the project could involve a historic $300 billion investment.

Reliance is expected to partner with America First Refining (AFR), a Texas-based company. According to AFR, the proposed refinery will be designed specifically to process American shale oil.

"America is returning to real energy dominance! Today I am proud to announce that America First Refining is opening the first new US oil refinery in 50 years in Brownsville, Texas. This is a historic $300 billion deal — the biggest in US history, a massive win for American workers, energy, and the great people of South Texas! Thank you to our partners in India, and their largest privately held energy company, Reliance, for this tremendous investment," Trump said in the post.

While Reliance Industries declined to comment on the development, AFR issued a press release outlining details of the project. The company did not name Reliance in its statement but referred to a global supermajor. "AFR also signed a binding 20-year offtake term sheet with the same global supermajor that secures commitments to purchase, process and distribute American-produced energy exclusively sourced from American shale oil. The company will officially break ground on the new refinery in Q2 2026," AFR said. Under the agreement, the partner company will buy and process about 1.2 billion barrels of US light shale oil, valued at roughly $125 billion.

As per AFR, the refinery will be engineered to process US light shale oil (47° API), which is cleaner, more efficient and less costly to process than heavier imported crude. "Unlike existing US refineries that depend on foreign oil, this facility is not dependent on — and does not need — imported crude, which strengthens US national and economic security," the company said. The facility will have a capacity to process around 60 million barrels per year.

**Efficient source of energy**

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**Refinery for light shale oil**

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# Centre: No need for panic-buying of LPG

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AS the situation of LPG cylinder availability deteriorated in the country, the government on Wednesday urged people not to go for panic buy, asserting that there is adequate stock of cooking gas to meet the demand.

As per Sujata Sharma, joint secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, oil marketing companies have increased LPG production by about 25% since the crisis began. Sharma said normal delivery cycle of cylinder is about two-and-a-half days. "There is some panic booking and hoarding behaviour by miss-information. I want to clarify that our normal delivery cycle for domestic LPG remains about two-and-a-half days," she added.

India consumes about 31.3 million tonne of LPG annually, of which 62% is met via imports, mainly from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE. However, due to the ongoing war in the region, supplies from the Gulf have almost stopped. To meet demand, the government and oil companies are exploring supply deals with countries such as Canada, the US, and Australia. The government has also prioritised LPG supply for 30 crore household consumers over commercial users like restaurants and other businesses. It has also set up a three-member panel to monitor LPG stocks and extend refill cycles to 25 days.

"The Centre is monitoring energy supplies and undertaking important measures amid the world crisis. We urge (all) to save fuel," she said.

Meanwhile, disruptions have been reported across the country as commercial establishments face shortages of cooking fuel. As per reports, in Mumbai and Bengaluru, nearly 20% of eateries have shut down due to the crisis. Even the Kashi Vishwanath Temple has simplified its prasad menu, while IRCTC has asked railway catering services to switch to induction cooking.

Several consumers also took to social media complaining about the short supply of domestic LPG cylinders. Many said that distributors were not dispatching cylinders even after bookings made a week or ten days earlier, while some centres displayed notices of "no stock" or reported long queues.

**Govt welcomes IEA decision to release oil stocks**

The government has welcomed the International Energy Agency's (IEA's) decision to release emergency oil stocks amid supply disruptions. The IEA has agreed to release 400 mn barrels of oil from its members' strategic reserves, in an attempt to counter soaring global energy prices.

# NO DE-ESCALATION IN SIGHT: SENSEX, NIFTY TUMBLE 1.7%

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

IN another bout of heavy selling, India's equity benchmarks tumbled on Wednesday with the benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty - plunging up to 1.7%.

After marginal recovery of Tuesday that was fueled by hopes that the West Asia crisis would ease and oil prices soften, equities plunged back into freefall as the US-Israel coalition and Iran are again showing no signs of de-escalation. This has left investors uncertain about the potential impact on crude oil prices, global inflation and economic growth. India VIX, the market's volatility gauge, rose by 11% to 21, indicating expectations of heightened short-term market volatility.

At the close, the Sensex fell 1,342.27 points (1.72%) to 76,863.71, while the Nifty dropped 394.75 points (1.63%) to settle at 23,866.85. In the broader market, the Nifty Midcap index declined 1.2%, while Small-cap index fell 0.3%. Investors lost over ₹5 lakh crore on Wednesday as m-cap of all BSE-listed firms came down to ₹441.54 lakh crore from ₹446.70 lakh crore in the previous session.

Siddhartha Khemka, head of research, wealth management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said Indian equities are likely to remain volatile driven by developments in the West Asia conflict, sharp movements in crude oil prices and continuous foreign fund outflows.

FII net sales on Wednesday stood at about ₹6,000 crore. Brent crude prices hit a high of $93 on Wednesday while rupee traded weaker, slipping 0.13% below the 92.00 mark. Oil movements remain a key driver for rupee, with crude on the domestic exchange rising 7% today, which tends to widen India's import bill and weigh on currency, said Jateen Trivedi, VP research analyst - commodity and currency, LKP Securities. Higher oil prices are likely to translate into higher inflation in the coming months along with an impact on economic activities across major oil consumers, including India.

**DOWN IN DUMPS**

1. BSE-listed firms' m-cap falls to ₹441.54 lakh cr
2. Nifty Midcap index declines 1.2%
3. Nifty Small-cap index declines 0.3%

## Sebi chief asks AIFs to invest in start-ups, emerging biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

SEBI chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Wednesday advised the nearly ₹16 trillion (commitments) alternative investment funds (AIFs) industry to look at real opportunities for growth by investing in innovation-led sectors and emerging businesses, climate transition, sustainable infrastructure, and other priority sectors.

Pandey said there are more than 1,700 registered AIFs today in the country and as of December 2025, investment commitments stood at about ₹15.74 trillion and investments at about ₹6.45 trillion, which is compounded annual growth rate of close to 30% in the past five years. "For you the bigger opportunity lies in where capital goes and what it helps create. We need long-term capital for healthcare, education, climate transition, sustainable infrastructure, and other priority sectors. AIFs can help channel domestic and global capital to these areas," Pandey told an ICVA (Indian Venture Capital Association) summit here on Wednesday.

But these sectors got only a paltry sum of ₹20,500 crore in the past five years, he said. "A key issue that AIFs should address is whether enough capital is going to growth, innovation, and sunrise sectors. AIFs are likely to fund uncertainty, innovation, and early-stage enterprise. However, as of December 2025, only ₹20,500 crore of AIF capital has gone to start-ups. "If private capital stays too conservative, a core purpose of the AIF framework is lost. The industry can do much more to back innovation-led sectors and emerging businesses," the chairman said.

# PN3 easing: '600 investment proposals in pipeline'

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

NEARLY 600 investment proposals from countries sharing land borders with India are awaiting government approval, and these could get a boost from the recent amendment to Press Note 3 (PN3).

The relaxation in PN3 rules —originally introduced to restrict investments from China — is likely to encourage more investments in sectors such as rare earth magnets, advanced battery components and electronic component manufacturing, as per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

Apart from the sectors already notified, the government may further ease the foreign investment regime under PN3, with additional sectors potentially being added to the list to allow faster processing of investments from land-bordering countries.

"These are some sectors where we found we need to raise manufacturing. We need to strengthen manufacturing ecosystem," said Amardeep Singh Bhatia, secretary at DPIIT. He added that the amendment aims to boost domestic manufacturing and cut India's import dependence, while encouraging tech transfer via easier foreign direct investment norms.

"These are areas where we see scope for partnerships. JVs are being set up with manufacturing as the focus sector. But this is not a watertight compartment. That is why flexibility has been kept so that more sectors can be included," Bhatia said. As per DPIIT, investor sentiment has been improving, and the amendment also seeks to address confusion among global investors regarding the concept of beneficial ownership.

## SAT dismisses Sahara plea, asks group to refund ₹14k cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

AFTER more than seven years, the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has upheld the Sebi order, directing Sahara India Commercial Corporation (SICCL) and its directors to refund ₹14,106 crore raised through optionally fully-convertible debentures (OFCDs) from nearly 1.98 crore investors as fundraising was a public issue in violation of securities laws and not a private placement as the appellant claimed.

The Sebi found fault with three OFCD issued by Sahara group over the years. The first OFCD illegal fundraising case was initiated in 2010–11, involving two Sahara companies—Sahara India Real Estate Corporation (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corporation (SHICL), which had raised over ₹24,000 crore (later found to have raised much more) from about 3 crore investors.

# AI not cutting jobs yet, but entry-level hirings show early signs of slowdown

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

ARTIFICIAL intelligence (AI) may not be cutting jobs yet but entry-level hiring is showing early signs of slowing, as per a new report by Anthropic, even as India's IT services companies continue campus recruitment.

The report, titled Labour market impacts of AI: A new measure and early evidence, finds no clear rise in unemployment in occupations most exposed to AI since the release of ChatGPT in late 2022. But it points to early signals that hiring, particularly of younger workers, may be weakening in these roles.

Researchers analysed occupations based on "observed exposure", a measure that combines the theoretical ability of large language models to perform tasks with real-world usage data. They found jobs with greater AI exposure tend to show slower projected employment growth. The study notes that job-finding rates for workers aged between 22 and 25 entering highly exposed occupations fell by 14% as against 2022 levels, suggesting that the first labour market effects of AI may show up in hiring rather than layoffs. The occupations with the highest exposure include computer programmers, customer service representatives, data entry workers and financial analysts.

### IT sector hiring in India

In India, the findings come at a time when large IT services firms are still hiring fresh graduates, though hiring patterns remain uneven across the industry. Infosys CFO Jayesh Sanghrajka said during the company's Q3 earnings press conference that they had hired about 18,000 freshers so far in FY26 and is on track to onboard about 20,000 during FY26.

TCS plans to hire 42,000 freshers in FY26 while adding more specialised entry-level talent. At Wipro, hiring has been more selective. Speaking during the company's Q3FY26 earnings call, chief HR officer Saurabh Govil said it had hired over 5,000 freshers so far this fiscal year. HCLTech has stepped up fresher hiring compared with last year. CFO Ramakrishnan Sundararajan said the company added 10,032 freshers in FY26.

Mohit Joshi, CEO & MD, Tech Mahindra, said, "We did have a lower level of fresh hires this year as compared to the previous year, but that's because of the demand environment. We've flagged it out."

### HPCL partners with IFSDMS to strengthen emergency response

MUMBAI: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has signed an agreement with the Institute of Fire, Safety & Disaster Management Studies (IFSDMS) to strengthen emergency response capabilities via specialised Live Fire Training for its officers. The agreement was signed by Dharmendra Kumar Sharma, executive director – health, safety & environment (HSE), HPCL, and Dharmendra Wakharikar, chief coordinator, IFSDMS, in presence of Vikram Mahurkar, President, IFSDMS and MD, Checkmate Group. As a key player in Bharat's energy sector, HPCL operates an extensive network of refineries, depots, terminals, and retail outlets.

## Business & Beyond

### Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh launches India's flagship global textile event Bharat Tex

THE Union Minister of Textiles, Giriraj Singh, on Wednesday unveiled Bharat Tex 2026, India's flagship global textile event, signalling the country's growing leadership in the global textile economy. Addressing stakeholders from industry, government, and trade bodies, the minister highlighted that Bharat Tex is envisaged as a single largest global platform that brings together the entire textile value chain, ranging from fibre and yarn to fabrics, garments, textiles, and sustainable innovations. Describing it as the largest and most comprehensive textiles event ever, he commended the commitment of textile EPCs and other industry bodies for their relentless efforts and dedication.

### BOI organises 'Mega Samjhauta campaign'

BHUBANESWAR : Bank of India is organising "MEGA SAMJHAUTA CAMPAIGN" during 16th to 20th March-2026 to settle the NPA loan accounts of borrowers under One Time Settlement(OTS) at all its branches/Zones and FGMOs across the country. The SAMJHAUTA DAY is designed for the NPA borrowers who could not repay their loan in time due to distress in business/medical condition or any other genuine reason. Our bank is having special OTS schemes to settle small value accounts and mid-size accounts through which special and good discounts are offered to borrowers whose accounts are NPA. We appeal all borrowers whose accounts are NPA to come forward to avail this opportunity by settling NPA loan accounts during "MEGA SAMJHAUTA CAMPAIGN"16th to 20thMarch 2026.

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### LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT
### Demand Notice

(1) **Mr. Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev** S/o Mr.Kamadod N R
(2) **Mrs. Ayesha S K** W/o Mr. Kamdod Nomaraj Sanjeev
**Both 1 & 2 are residing at :** No.1187,9th Cross, 80 Feet Road Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040

The credit facilities under **Term Loan A/c No.0627001650564101 dtd 01.07.2019 for Rs.43,67,434/- availed by you No.1] Mr.Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev and You No.2) Mrs. Ayesha S K are the borrower at our Bengaluru- Minerva Circle Branch.** The above mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non - Performing Asset on **30.08.2025** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2) & (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorized officer of the Bank on **27.10.2025** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgement to **No.1] Mr. Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev , You No.2] Mrs. Ayesha S K** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance of **Rs.29,16,078.54 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Sixteen Thousand Seventy Eight and Paise Fifty Four Only)** with future interest at the rate mentioned herein below. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

| Nature & Account No. | Balance Outstanding (Rs.) | Rate of Interest (compounded monthly) | Interest Calculated upto | Interest to be added from |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TL A/c No. 0627001 650564101 | 29,16,078.54 | 10.40% | 30.09.2025 | 01.10.2025 |

**Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)**

All that part and parcel of residential Property bearing Site No.113, carved out of Sy.Nos.43 & 44/1, Property No.43/44/1/113, measuring 1200 Sq.ft, together with building constructed thereon, situated at BBMP, Jnanabharathi Ward No.129,Srigandhadakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560091 belonging to Mr. Kamadod Nomaraj Sanjeev

**Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.**

**Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.**

Place : Mangaluru
Date : 27.10.2025
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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## TAMIL NADU GREEN ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED

TNGECL

**Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)**

| Specification No. | Tender Inviting Authority | Name of Work |
|---|---|---|
| 09/2025-26 | CE / CIVIL / DRIP | TNGECL - DRIP II - Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project works to **Kundahpalam Dam (Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Works - Package - I)** in Kundah Generation Circle, Nilgiri District, Tamil Nadu under World Bank funded DRIP (Phase II) |
| 10/2025-26 | CE / CIVIL / DRIP | TNGECL - DRIP II - Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project works to **Kundahpalam Dam (Package - II)** in Kundah Generation Circle, Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu under World Bank funded DRIP (Phase II ) |

For Details of Work / Procurement / Due date of Submission / Opening / Viewing and downloading of E-Tenedrs Please visit Websites from **https://tntenders.gov.in / tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** for submission of bids.
DIPR/1733/Tender/2026

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## बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI

**BANK OF INDIA - ASSET RECOVERY DEPARTMENT**
**BANGALORE ZONE**
**# 11, 1st Floor, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.**
**Phone : 080-22959407 / 08**
**E-Mail ID : Bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.bank.in**

**[Rule - 8 (1)]**

### POSSESSION NOTICE
**(For immovable Property)**

Whereas the **Authorized Officer of Bank of India** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice dated 16-12-2025** calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Mohammed Ashfaq Address :** No 1339, Islampur Mohalla, Channapatna, Ramanagar, Karnataka - 562160 **and Mrs. Azeez Banu W/o. Burhan Khan Address :** No. 696B, Abidpur Mohalla Daira, Channapatna, Ramanagara, Karnataka - 562160, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **for Home Loan (843275110000300) of Rs. 1,94,07,531.24/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and Paise Twenty-Four)** with further interest thereon **@ 8.10 % p.a.** compounded with monthly rests and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **07-03-2026.**

The Borrower **Mr. Mohammed Ashfaq and Mrs. Azeez Banu** in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of India** for an amount **Rs. 1,94,07,531.24/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Four Lakhs Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One and Paise Twenty-Four)** with further interest thereon **@ 8.10 %** p.a. compounded with monthly rests and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSETS**

**Schedule 'A' Property :-** All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site Bearing No. 20, in Property No. 67, Portion of Converted Land Bearing Survey No. 67, vide duly Order No. B.Dis.ALN.SR(S)208/89-90, Dated 18-12-1991, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, now within the limits of BBMP Ward Name Rajarajeshwarinagar and Ward No. 160 and having BBMP Katha No. 176/67/20, Measuring : East to West 60-0 Feet and North to South 40-0 Feet in All Measuring 2400 Square Feet, together with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, Situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore District and bounded on : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No. 43, **North by :** Site No. 21, **South by :** Site No. 19.

**Schedule 'B' Property :-** 480 Square Feet of Undivided right, title, interest and ownership in the Scheduled A Property.

**Schedule 'C' Property :-** Property bearing No.FR-F1 on 4th Floor, containing three Bedrooms having and Super built-up area of 2250 Square Feet which includes proportionate share in common area and other areas used in common by all the Apartment owners in "MSR NIGAM" along with exclusive rights to use one Top Covered Car Parking Space bearing #FR-F1 in the "MSR NIGAM" constructed on Schedule 'A' property and the apartment is bounded by : **East by :** Common Passage, **West by :** Others Property, **North by :** Others Property, **South by :** Others Property.

**Date : 07-03-2026**
**Place : Bengaluru**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Bank of India**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that the original sale deed dt.07.02.2022. regd, as No.YAN-1-08375-2021-22 executed by IMAVATHI in favour of B.SIVA SANKAR, regd. in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore, related to the property SITE NOS.1 & 2, FORMED IN PROPERTY NOS.6/1 & 6/2, (OLD No.6), of MARASANDRA VILLAGE, JALA HOBLI, BANGALORE NORTH TALUK, each site measuring 30 x 40 feet, was lost and not traced out so far and a police complaint is also lodged in this regard. If any person holding the above documents may kindly contact the undersigned at the earliest.

**BASAVARAJU .B.N,** Advocate
No.51, Brundavana, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, NTY Layout, Raghavanagara, Bangalore-560 026.
Ph:9845954200 / 9900007742,
Date:11-03-2026

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my clients Kumari. Zarah Paul Gilroy and Kumari Norah Gilroy, Since Minors, Rep by their Mother Smt. Neethu T. Sebastian have an equal share, right, title and interest in their ancestral property situated at Sy NO. 203/P10(New Sy No. 220) and Sy No. 203/P4 (New Sy No. 218, situated at Singanaagrahara Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Taluk measuring about 1 Acre. 20 Guntas in total. This being the situation, the father and grandfather of my clients Mr. Paul Somon and Mr. Gilroy P. Soman are making hectic efforts to do away with the above mentioned property and trying to knock off my clients' right, title and interest in the property due to an ongoing matrimonial dispute between my client's mother and father. Therefore, General public is hereby informed not to deal with the above said property in any manner. Anybody doing so, may do at his/her own cost and risk and the same shall not be binding on my clients which please note.

**M.A.K. USMANI,** Advocate
# SF 28, 2nd Floor, HMS & HHS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bangalore-560 002. Mob: 9916267541

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposed to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its owner Sri B.V. Vishwanath residing at No. 30, 1st Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560 026,

Any person/institution having any manner of right, title, interest or share or claim over the schedule property may file their objections in writing along with the documentary proof to the under signed within fifteen days from the date of publication. If no objections are received, my client will proceed to complete the execution and registration of the schedule property and objections raised after the period mentioned shall not be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the entire residential property bearing old No. 83, present No. 2, PID NO. 41-111-2, E Katha No. 1512123336 situated at 5th Cross, Avalahalli Layout, Bangalore, BBMP ward: No. 158 Deepanjali Nagar ward measuring east to west 45 feet and north to south 30 feet totally measuring 1350 sq. feet and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : property No. 92, North by : Property No. 82, South by : Property No. 84, together with structure standing thereon.

**B.R. Venkatachalapathy,** Advocate,
No. 2, 1st floor, 2nd Cross, J.M. Lane, Balepet, Bangalore-560 053.
Mob. No. 9341195589 Dated: 11-3-2026

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**LOSS OF DOCUMENT**

It is hereby notified and informed to the public that Mr. Muneesh P., aged 37 years, S/o. M. Purushothaman, and Miss Puneetha P., aged 32 years, D/o M. Purushothaman, the owners of the property bearing Site No. 471, 6th Cross, 2nd Block, RT Nagar, Bengaluru, measuring about 1350 sq. ft, have lost the original Will dated 24.08.2002, registered as document No. 139/2002-03, Book No.1, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagara, Bengaluru. The said original Will was lost from the possession of their father Mr. M. Purushothaman on 04.03.2026. While he was proceeding to the office of his Advocate in an autorickshaw.

Mr. **M. Purushothaman**, the father of the land owners i.e., **Mr. Muneesh P. and Miss Puneetha P.** had also filed a complaint regarding the loss of the said original within the **jurisdictional Police Station on 06.03.2026**.

The public is hereby requested that if anyone finds the above-mentioned document, they may kindly contact the undersigned for returning the same. The finder of the aforesaid document is requested to **surrender the document either to the undersigned or to the Jurisdictional R. T. Nagar Police Station at the earliest.**

**M. Purushothaman**
Address: Flat No. D310, Sruthika Spring Fields Apartments, Singapura Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 097.
Mob: 9880019752 / 9449713001
Place: Bangalore Date : 11.03.2026

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## SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

**#109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.**
**www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No.22956419/20**

**POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule -8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 31.12.2025 calling upon the borrower **Smt.Parvathi K, Sri.Kemparaju M.C. and Sri.Supreeth K** all are residing at No.475, "Sankalpa", 6th 'A' Cross, Health Layout, Annapoorneshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 091, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.56,75,581/- (Rupees Fifty Six lakh Seventy Five thousand Five hundred and eighty One Only)** as on **30.11.2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day the **11th day of March 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd., Banashankari 3rd Stage Branch, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs.56,31,887/- (Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Seven only) as on 28/02/2026** plus interest from **01.03.2026** together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**SCHEDULE (DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY):** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable property bearing Assessment No.40, Khatha No 40 , Now falling under BBMP limits, Srigandadha Kaval, Byannapalya, Hanumanthanagara, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West on the Northern Side 60 feet and on Southern Side 16 feet, & North to South on the Eastern Side 149 feet on the Western Side 144 feet in all measuring 5567 Sq. feet with building thereon and bounded on: East by - Road, West by - RHS Society Property, North by - 'D' Group Employees Layout, South by - RHS Society Property.

Date: 11.03.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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## KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

**Office of the Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysuru.**
**Near Highway Circle, Java Factory Road, Mysuru-570001.**
**Ph.: 0821-2332325, E-mail: kscb_mys@yahoo.in**

No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-1/IFT-05/AE/2025-26 Date: 11.03.2026

### SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-2)
**(Two Cover System) (E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)**

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bengaluru, The Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysore invites tender from eligible Tenderers for Construction of Retaining wall in Thyagaraja Nagar Slum of Madikeri Town in Kodagu District. Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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| 1 | Time & Date for Pre Bid Conference | 16.03.2026 at 11.00 hours |
| 2 | Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications | 18.03.2026 up to 16.00 hours |
| 3 | Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders | 23.03.2026 up to 16.00 hours |
| 4 | Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid | 25.03.2026 at 11.00 hours |
| 5 | Date & Time for Opening Financial Bid | 27.03.2026 at 11.00 hours |

DIPR/CP/6175/SSC/2025-26
**Sd/- Executive Engineer**
**KSDB, No.1 Division, Mysore**

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## STATE BANK OF INDIA

**STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH, (SARB) J.C. ROAD BENGALURU**

**Authorized Officer's Details:**
**Name:Smt.Jayalakshmi M,**
**Chief Manager**
e -mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in,
Mobile No: 9945143159.

**Address of the Branch:**
Building No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp: Trust Well Hospital, J C Road, Bengalore-560002.
Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

**APPENDIX- IV A**
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **22.04.2026** for recovery of **Rs.2,10,55,757/-** (Rupees Two Crore Ten Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Seven Only) as on 10.03.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 11.03.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower:**Sri.Manojit Dasgupta** S/o Sri.Manosh Bhusan Dasgupta (For A/c No. HL 42223744875, Suraksha 42231660665)

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

| Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold) | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Bid Increment Amount | Date &Time of e-Auction of property | Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Rs. 1,65,00,000/-** | **Rs. 16,50,000/-** | **Rs.1,00,000/-** | **22.04.2026 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM** | **On or before 21.04.2026 up to 04.00 P.M.** |

### DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

**Property ID: SBI/SARB/2025-26/44875**

**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** All that piece and parcel of immovable property being vacant land measuring East to West: 172 feet and North to South: 434 feet, totally measuring an extent of 74,648 Sq. feet, bearing Plot No.2, Rajajinagar Industrial Suburb bearing Municipal No.49/4 (Old No.49) and assigned PID No.10-1-49/4 by the BBMP and bounded on: East by : Private Property, West by : Private Property, North by : Property belonging to Mr.Gopal Reddy, South by : BBMP Road.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY :** Residential Apartment bearing No.321 (B3 F2 A1 – Block 3, Floor 2, Apartment 1) situated on Third Floor (as per the revised plan sanction accorded by the BBMP with the said apartment being mentioned as located on the Second Floor in the original plan sanction accorded by the BBMP) of Block 3 of the Project known as "PRATHAMM INDRAPRASTHA" developed on the Schedule A Property with Super Built up Area 1,295 Sq. feet (Carpet Area of 835.58 Sq. feet and internal balconies of 120.70 Sq. feet) with RCC roofing, vitrified tiles flooring, doors and windows as one composite immovable property along with the right to own 0.36% of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property measuring 269.05 Sq. feet, in an undivided state which forms a part of the common areas in the Project to be conveyed to the "Association of Allottees" post its formation as mandated under RERA, along with One Covered Car Parking space earmarked for the sole use and enjoyment of the purchasers, standing in the name of Sri.Manojit Dasgupta S/o Sri.Manosh Bhusan Dasgupta.

**30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT,2002.**

The Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., http://www.baanknet.com

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent, M/s Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri.Manjunath Rao Cell No.9986363038.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided in http://www.baanknet.com

Date: 10.03.2026
Place: Bengaluru
**Sd/**-Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

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## सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Central Bank of India

**Regional Office : Second Floor, Grand Majestic Mall, No.12, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. Phone : 080-22265652-53, Fax : 080 22258581**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to **Mr. Manjunath J, PF No. 139753, OAHK,** an employee of Central Bank of India, who remained on unauthorised absent from duty since 27 November 2024 without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority.

Despite being absent from duty, he has neither reported back for work nor communicated any valid reason for such absence.

Therefore, **Mr. Manjunath J** is hereby called upon to report to duty within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that he is not interested in continuing his services with the Bank.

In such an event, further action will be initiated in accordance with Clause 33 of the 8th Bipartite Settlement Dated 02.06.2005, which provides for voluntary cessation of employment of Award Staff.

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## KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

**(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)**

No: CEE/Tr(O)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-3/F-T2, TSS-13, TA54/2025-26/15086-88 Date: 10.03.2026

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(THROUGH KPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)**

KPTCL invites bids for the following works.

**1) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3412** for Combined package for **replacement of existing age old C&R panels** of Power Transformers & 33kV lines by new C&R panels at **Neralekere 110/11kv sub-station, Lingadahalli 66/11kv Substation, Balehonnur 66/33/11kv sub-station, Tarikere 110/11kv sub-station** in Operation Division, Chikkamagaluru on **TTK basis-CALL3.**

**2) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3444** for Providing Metering & Protection to 110kV incoming line bay at **Tangli 110/11kV sub-station** in Kadur nodal center of Chikkamagaluru Operation Division on **TTK basis**

**3) Tender No: KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3452** for Replacement of 1x12.5 MVA and 1x8 MVA, 66/11 kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 66/11 kV Power Transformers at **66/11 kV Hiremagaluru sub-station** in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District on PTK basis (2x20MVA, 66/11kV PTR along with NIFPS & 11kV switchgear shall be supplied by KPTCL)

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyper link 'E Procurement KPTCL' or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 12.03.2026 at 11.00 hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operations) Zone,**
**KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete,**
**B.M. Road, Hassan- 573201**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that, my client is purchasing the schedule agricultural property from its present owner **Smt. Sindhuja C. K.** W/o. Manjunath Reddy G and has entered into a registered Agreement of sale with the Owner. If any person/ persons or institution is having any right title or interest on the schedule property should lodge their claim with necessary legal documents with the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of this publication of Public Notice. In case the undersigned does not receive any legal claim with documentary proof with in the stipulated period of 10 days, my client will proceed with the registration of absolute sale of the schedule in his name before competent sub-registrar as if there is no claim on the property. Further note that **NO CLAIM** shall be received beyond the period of 10 days.

**SCHEDULE**

All that part and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Old Sy. No. 143/10, New Sy. No. 143/14, situated at Madhure Village, Kodihalli Grama, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Measuring 0.00.12 guntas out of 0.15.08 guntas lands, bounded on the : East by : Land of Chikkasiddappa, West by: Road & land bearing Sy. No. 143/13, North by : Land bearing Sy. No. 143/10 & Akkayyamma land, South by : Land belonging to Muddanna & Gangaveeraiah.

**Sri.Ramanand Achar, Advocate,**
21/A, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, 3rd Stage, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560 085
Mob : 9845070756.
10.03.2026
Bengaluru

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below-mentioned Schedule Property from its owner **Sri. Anand C Hosur.** The owner represents that he has acquired the Schedule Property through absolute sale deed, and he is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the same. Apart from him, there is/are no other person/s having any sort of right/s, title, interest/s or claim/s over the same and he has not either mortgaged, liened or encumbered the Schedule Property or part thereof in any manner. The owner further represents that he has not entered into any sort of registered/unregistered Agreement of Sale, MoU/MoA, GPA/Will, etc., with any third parties regarding conveyance/sale of the Schedule Property. That if, any person/s having objection/s or claim/s for the said purchase of the Schedule Property, he/she/they/it may/shall with documentary evidence lodge his/her/ their/its claim/s **within fifteen (15) days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed to purchase the Schedule Property, as if there is/are no claims over the same.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**All that piece and parcel of** Southern portion of property bearing site no.31, old katha no.24, BBMP katha no.1050/ 653/ 1/31, new katha no.1050/1/ 653/1/1/31/1, E-PID no. 5943732692, measuring East to West: 40 ft., and North to South: 20 ft., in all measuring 800 Sq.ft., together with residential building constructed thereon, formed in residentially converted land bearing Sy.no.18/2 vide official memorandum bearing no.B.DIS. ALN.SR (N)89/2002-03, dated 31.01.2003 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and as per order / report bearing no.ALN.SR.N.70/2002-03 issued by the Tahsildar, Bangalore North Taluk, situated at Gidadakonenahalli Village, Yeshwantha -pura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, BBMP Ward no.72-Herohalli, Bangalore and the same is bounded as follows:

**East by** : 30 feet Road,
**West by** : Western side of Site no.31,
**North by** : Northern side of Site no.31, measuring 20 x 40 feet,
**South by** : 30 feet Road.

**Sd/- JYOTHI HP & CO.**
**Advocates and Legal Consultants**
**# 99/A, 1st Floor, Sri Rama Arcade', 6th Cross, 16th Main Road, Industries & Commerce Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040.**
**Mobile Nos.9880853751**
**Date: 11.03.2026, Place: Bengaluru**

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## Varthana Finance Private Limited

**Registered Office at : No. 5BC-110, Varasiddhi. Outer Ring Road, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website: www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office: Plot No :- Varasiddhi, 5BC-110, 3rd Floor, Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Bangalore- 560043.**

**POSSESSION NOTICE** [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd. (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.) Bangalore,** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated: **19-12-2025,** calling upon the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors, in Loan Account No's.**S18BLR-BLR-001460. 1. M/s.Pavithra Public School,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, Hebbagodi, Bhavani Road, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural - 560099. **2. M/s. Pavithra Education Society,** Represented by its Authorised Signatory, Hebbagodi, Bhavani Road, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560099. **3. Mrs.Dhanalakshmi, W/o.Ravindra,** No. 631, 3rd Cross, Anekal Taluk, Kammasandra, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Hebbugodi, Bangalore - 560099. **4. Mr. HP Sundara Raju S/o. Puttaraju,** No. 202, Block No.13, LIG 2, KHB, Surya Nagar, Iggaluru, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 560081. **Also At : 4. Mr.HP Sundara Raju S/o. Puttaraju,** No. 631, 3rd Cross, Anekal Taluk, Kammasandra, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Hebbugodi, Bangalore - 560099, To repay the amount mentioned in the said notice being a sum of **Rs.1,42,29,847/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Two Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 18-12-2025,** to repay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc, as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

However the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicants/ Co-Applicants/Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorized Officer of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, **Bangalore,** Branch has taken **POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this day of **09-03-2026.**

The Applicants/ Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Bangalore, for an amount of **Rs.1,42,29,847/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Two Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only) as on 18-12-2025** with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicants / Co-Applicants / Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property: Schedule 1;** All That Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Western -Half Portion of Sy No.5 Khathan No.5 measuring 945 SFT, Hebbagudi Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist and Bounded as follows: East : K Ravindra Property, West : Remaining Portion of the Same Sy No., North : Remaining Portion of the Same Sy No, South : Road. **Schedule 2;** All That Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Western -Half Portion of Sy No.5, Khathan No.5, measuring 1155 SFT, Hebbagudi Village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dt and bounded as follows: East : K Ravidra Property,, West : Remaining portion of the same Sy No., North : Road, South : Dhanalakshmi Property.

**Date: 12-03-2026, Place: Anekal Taluk**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer, Varthana Finance Private Limited**

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## बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

**Chandapura Branch**
**#444, G T Complex, ANR Kalyana Mantapa, Anekal Road, Chandapura, Bengaluru-560081.**

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE** [See rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the under signed being the Authorised Officer of the **Bank of Baroda,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices dated calling upon the following Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest / cost etc,. **within 60 days** from the date of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower under.

**1) Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers/ Guarantors: (1) Mr. Chethan C** S/o Chikkaiah A, **(2) Smt. Susheela C** W/o Chethan C, **Both are residing at :** No. 1235, 10th Main, 15th AA Cross, KHB Suryanagara, Phase I, Chandapura, Bangalore-560099.
**Demand notice dated : 04.09.2025 Possession Notice Date : 06.03.2026**
**Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs. 51,22,371.54 (Rupees Fifty-one Lakhs Twenty-two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-One and Paise Fifty Four Only) as on 28.02.2026** with further interest thereon.
**Description of the Immovable Property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing no. 1214, Category HIG-1, Block-9, E-Khatha No. 150200101500320282, measuring plinth are of 105.85 Sq.mtrs. consist of living cum Dining, Bedrooms 3 Nos., Kitchen, Bath and constructed on site No. 1214/B9 by the Karnataka Housing Board built on Schedule A Property. Measuring East to West: 18mtrs. And North to South: 12Mtrs. In all measuring 216Sq.mtrs. Bounded on: East : Road, West: Site no. 1198/B9 and 1199/B9 MIG, North: House no. 1215/B9 HIG, South : House No. 1213/B9 HIG.

**2) Name of the Borrowers/Mortgagers/ Guarantors: (1) Mr. Sreenivasan V** S/o Vedantalu A, **(2) Mrs. Vithya S** W/o V Srinivasan, **Both are residing at :** Janjur No.534, Site No.67, Curved Sy. No.8, 5th Cross, Hennagara Road, Kanchanyakanahalli Village, Opp. Residency Layout, Bangalore-560099.
**Demand notice dated : 27.06.2025 Possession Notice Date : 06.03.2026**
**Total amount mentioned in the notice: Rs. 9,23,893.41/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Twenty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-three and Paise forty-one Only) as on 28.02.2026** with further interest thereon.
**Description of the Immovable Property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Janjur No. 534, Site No. 67, Curvey Sy. No. 8, Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. within the limits of Hennagara Grama Panchayat, Kanchanayakanahalli, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Bounded on: East : Site No. 64, West: Road, North :Site No. 66, South : Site No. 68.

The above Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said act read with the rule 8 of the said Rules on above dates The Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda,** thereon cost.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**Date : 06.03.2026**
**Place : Bangalore**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Bank of Baroda**

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**ROSARB - Bangalore South, 4th Floor, Vijaya Tower, Bank of Baroda, Trinity Circle, Bangalore - 560 001. Tele Phone : 080-25011441, Extn. - 128, E-Mail : sarbes@bankofbaroda.co.in**

### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX-IV-A [See Provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

| Name & address of Borrower/s Guarantor/s/ Mortagagor (s) | Detailed Description of the immovable properties with known encumbrances, if any | Account Number Total Dues | Date & Time of E-auction | 1) Reserve Price, 2) EMD amount, 3) Bid Increase Amount | Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical) | Property Inspection date & Time |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. M/s. Venture World, Proprietor : Mrs. Jayalakshmi Gopinath,** Registered Office At 86/1 - 74/75, Ground Floor, 100 Feet Ring Road, Hosakerehalli, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560085. **2. Mrs. Jayalakshmi Gopinath (Proprietor),** Residing at : No. 18, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Srinivasnagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore-560050. **3. Mr. Ramesh H C (Guarantor)** S/o. Sri. Chinnaiah, No. 710, 2nd Cross, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Banashankari, Bangalore-560050. | Residential Property Bearing No. 25 and 26, Rajarajeshwarinagar, CMC Khatha No. 238 & 237, House List No. 137 & 122, BBMP Khatha No. 225/25, 26/237/238/226, PID No. 160-W0429-12 Situated at Halagevaderahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru-560098, Measuring East To West 69 Ft., North To South 48 Ft. On Northern Side & 42 Ft. On Southern Side, Totally Measuring 3105 Sq.ft. And **Bounded by : East by :** Site No. 24, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 27, **South by :** Road. KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES : NIL | **Account No. : 27710400000176** **Dues : Rs. 64,25,807.30/-** As on 08.03.2026 and with further interest theron at the contractual rate Plus costs charges and expenses till date of payment. | **On 30.03.2026 from 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM.** | **1. Reserve Price: Rs. 2,90,95,000/-** **2. EMD Rs. 29,09,500/-** **3. BID Increase Amount : Rs. 25,000/-** | **Symbolic Possession (Vacant Building)** | **With prior Appointment from Authorized officer (after 11.03.2026)** |

**For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Pending Charges regarding Property Tax, Electricity Charges, E khata making charges to be borne by the highest bidder. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Tel No. 080-25011441 and Mobile No.9137960132.**

**Date: 11.03.2026, Place: Bangalore**
**Sd/- Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

## Dube sneaks into train to reach Mumbai post WC

Shivam Dube, whose explosive batting added 24 runs to India's total in the last over of the T20 World Cup final, quietly travelled by train from Ahmedabad to Mumbai, railway officials said on Wednesday. A official said they learnt from media reports that, with all flights to Mumbai fully booked, Dube chose to travel by train so he could reach the city soon.

# New innings, fresh hope for Sai Sudharsan

GT batter, who has been out of action since December, keen to make a strong comeback

**ASHOK VENUGOPAL** @Chennai

WHEN the 2025 IPL season ended, B Sai Sudharsan was the best batter of the league. He had finished as the top run-scorer — 759 runs at 54.2 average and 156.17 strike rate — for not just Gujarat Titans but the entire league. It was also his best season yet in the four years of playing in the tournament.

Cut to 2026, the Tamil Nadu batter is gearing up for the upcoming season after a tough period. After the Test series against South Africa, Sai Sudharsan had returned to the TN set up, scoring runs in Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (SMAT) and Vijay Hazare Trophy. He smashed a century against Saurashtra in the SMAT and then followed it up with scores of 48 and 51 in the first two matches of Vijay Hazare tournament.

However, little did he know that the rib injury he sustained while diving for a run against Madhya Pradesh in his second VHT match would keep him out of the rest of the season. The injury took about two months to heal and it meant Sai Sudharsan did not play any match since December 26, 2025. " I had a seventh rib fracture. I was obviously in pain. The first 5-7 days were very painful. During the painful period I needed a lot of support physically and mentally," Sai Sudharsan recalled in a conversation with this daily. "The BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru was the place where all of them helped me a lot to go through the grind. My parents and brother gave a lot of support." he added. As time passed, the 24-year-old started training and gradually increased his workload. One of the most up-skilled youngsters in recent years — his IPL numbers year-on-year say as much — is all set for the upcoming season with GT. "After recovery I slowly increased my workload and I am feeling fine. The injury has healed well. I am looking good and I am playing my usual game and there is no discomfort. I will play my natural game depending upon the situation and have made an effort not to worry too much about the injury area. It has in no way affected my follow through or stroke making ability," explained Sai Sudharsan, before adding, "I am fit and raring to go. I have been training out here at (Chennai) in my own way and feeling good."

Sai Sudharsan is eager to open the batting with Shubman Gill, who will have a point to prove after being left out of the T20I side. "I am looking forward to playing with Gill. He is a class player. One can learn from watching him play. He has always encouraged me to play my natural game. I hope we are able to forge good partnerships for our side," said Sai Sudarshan. Ask him if there is any pressure of picking from where he left last year, Sai Sudharsan shrugs it off. He has been working on his power-hitting game and is keen to make an impact which would help him get back into the Indian team. "There is no pressure. I am glad people expect you to perform. I just want to go and play my game and take one match at a time. I have been practicing power hitting and so on to keep in tune with the format. It (IPL) is a good opportunity for me to be back among runs and try to get back into the national side," he signed off.

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>
> — B Sai Sudharsan

# Holders RCB to take on SRH in season opener

**ENS** @Chennai

DEFENDING champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru will take on Sunrisers Hyderabad in the Indian Premier League 2026 season opener at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on March 28, the BCCI announced on Wednesday. However, all matches in Bengaluru are subject to clearance by expert committee on March 13.

The IPL has announced the schedule even as the country is experiencing a major crisis in dwindling stock cooking gas. Not just cooking gas, but also flight restrictions due to ongoing West Asia conflict that has caused the airspace to be shut. The West Indies and South Africa players, who lost their matches last week, could only fly out of the country in batches this week. Some of them have already left, while other would be leaving in a day or two. This will mean that someone if like Shemron Hetmyer has to come back and join his IPL team Rajasthan Royals for the last part of their pre-season camp, he will get to spend just a few days with his family back home. Several states are set conduct polls and the dates are yet to be finalised. Keeping that in mind, the BCCI has announced the schedule only for the first 20 games that will run till April 12. In the first set of schedule announced, Chennai, Guwahati and Kolkata — three cities that has state elections — will host only two, two and three matches, respectively. Chennai Super Kings will open their campaign in Guwahati against Rajasthan Royals on March 30 before moving to Chennai for the Punjab Kings match on April 3.

**IPL SCHEDULE (TILL APRIL 12)**

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|---|---|---|
| Mar 28 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Sunrisers Hyderabad | Bengaluru |
| Mar 29 | Mumbai Indians vs Kolkata Knight Riders | Mumbai |
| Mar 30 | Rajasthan Royals vs Chennai Super Kings | Guwahati |
| Mar 31 | Punjab Kings vs Gujarat Titans | Mullanpur |
| Apr 1 | Lucknow Super Giants vs Delhi Capitals | Lucknow |
| Apr 2 | Kolkata Knight Riders vs Sunrisers Hyderabad | Kolkata |
| Apr 3 | Chennai Super Kings vs Punjab Kings | Chennai |
| Apr 4 | Delhi Capitals vs Mumbai Indians | Delhi |
| Apr 4 | Gujarat Titans vs Rajasthan Royals | Ahmedabad |
| Apr 5 | Sunrisers Hyderabad vs Lucknow Super Giants | Hyderabad |
| Apr 5 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru vs Chennai Super Kings | Bengaluru |
| Apr 6 | Kolkata Knight Riders vs Punjab Kings | Kolkata |
| Apr 7 | Rajasthan Royals vs Mumbai Indians | Guwahati |
| Apr 8 | Delhi Capitals vs Gujarat Titans | Delhi |
| Apr 9 | Kolkata Knight Riders vs Lucknow Super Giants | Kolkata |
| Apr 10 | Rajasthan Royals vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Guwahati |
| Apr 11 | Punjab Kings vs Sunrisers Hyderabad | Mullanpur |
| Apr 11 | Chennai Super Kings vs Delhi Capitals | Chennai |
| Apr 12 | Lucknow Super Giants vs Gujarat Titans | Lucknow |
| Apr 12 | Mumbai Indians vs Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Mumbai |

# Amid tension in Bahrain, UWW looking at other options for Worlds

**FIROZ MIRZA** @Chennai

THE Senior Asian Wrestling Championships scheduled from April 6 to 12 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan is expected to go ahead as per the schedule at the moment. The United World Wrestling, however, is keeping an eye on the developments and may change the venue for the World Championships slated from October 24 November 1 in Bahrain.

Like several Gulf countries, Bahrain too has been attacked by missiles and drones by Iran. An attack on a residential building in Manama reportedly killed a woman on Tuesday. United World Wrestling president Nenad Lalovic said that they are monitoring the situation and working on alternative venues if situation doesn't improve. "...we are following the development of the situation, checking for possible substitutes, but we would much prefer the peace to be restored," Lalovic told this daily responding to messages sent to him in this regard.

Lalovic, who hails from Serbia, did not reveal the names of the countries they are looking at as a possible option for Bahrain. Speaking on the Asian Championships, which is slated from April 6 to 12 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, he said the tournament is on. "I hope no, we'll see in a month or two," he said when asked will the ongoing global crisis cause some changes in the UWW's schedule. "Kyrgyzstan seems not be affected," he replied on a query related to the continental meet.

Iran is home to some of the finest wrestlers and they are expected to be one of the few big teams in the Asian meet. Lalovic said the UWW could not manage to speak to the Iran federation office-bearers at the moment. "Iran has closed borders for the moment. Difficult to contact but I have information that they are all ok," he said.

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) also said that its wrestlers are ready to compete in the event. "The flight journey Bishkek is safe at the moment. Also we have not received any communication from the UWW as of now. Had there been any issues, the world body would have contacted every stakeholder," a WFI official said.

### Asian Weightlifting C'ships postponed

CHENNAI : The West Asia Conflict is set to take a toll on sporting events across the globe. While no major cancellation announcements have been made so far, the Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships scheduled to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from April 1 to 10 has been postponed. The continental event will now be held from May 12 to 17 at the same venue. "The Asian Weightlifting Federation (AWF) would like to inform all Member Federations and athletes that, due to the current situation affecting the Middle East and the Gulf region, the 2026 AWF Asian Senior Weightlifting Championships have been rescheduled. In order to ensure the safe and smooth participation of all delegations, the competition will now take place from 12 to 17 May 2026," read an official statement issued by the Asian Weightlifting Federation. The AWF also released an updated schedule. As per the updated schedule, April 25 is the deadline for final verification online while the delegations will arrive on May 9. The AWF Executive Board Meeting & Anti-Doping Seminar will be organised the next day followed by AWF Congress & Opening Ceremony on May 11. The competitions in various weight categories will be held from May 12 to 17 while the delegations will depart on May 18.

# FIFA World Cup: Iran won't be participating, says sports minister

**AGENCIES** @Tehran

ON a day when US President Donald Trump said they would be 'welcome', the Iran government have said that they will not be taking part at World Cup later this year. In one of the first official World Cup-related comments to come out of Tehran since the beginning of the conflict, sports minister, Ahmad Donyamali, said that: "Considering that this corrupt regime (the US has assassinated our leader, under no circumstances can we participate in the World Cup," the minister said on state TV. "Our children are not safe and, fundamentally, such conditions for participation do not exist."

Israel and US attacked Iran who were forced to retaliate at the end of last month. Since then, there has been heightened speculation about whether Iran would feature at the World Cup. But Donyamali made it clear that they won't be going to the US. "Given the malicious actions they have carried out against Iran, they have forced two wars on us over eight or nine months and have killed and martyred thousands of our people. Therefore, we certainly cannot have such a presence."

The World Cup, set to begin on June 11, is to played across three countries including Mexico and Canada. But Iran are slated to play all their games in the US (two in California and one in Seattle). There is also the prospect of the US and Iran facing off in a Round of 32 if both of them finish second in their respective groups. Donyamali's comments came hours after Gianni Infantino, FIFA president, informed the world that Trump had said Iran would be 'welcome' to feature at the event. "During the discussions, President Trump reiterated that the Iranian team is, of course, welcome to compete in the tournament in the United States," he had posted on Instagram. That is also a departure because Trump, a few days, had told a publication that he couldn't care about Iran's presence.

### What happens if they pull out?

FIFA have multiple options at their disposal. It would most likely be taken up by another team within the Asian Football Confederation. Iraq would likely be the beneficiaries but they are still involved in the last batch of qualifiers. UAE is another team who may have a chance. The last time a pulled out was in 1950 when France and India didn't take part because of the associated travel costs.

# India hockey women's team seal WC berth

**ENS/AGENCIES** @Hyderabad

THE Indian women's hockey team assured themselves of a place at the upcoming World Cup on Wednesday. The hosts beat Wales 4-1, ensuring they finished the group stage as table-toppers of the ongoing qualifiers in the city.

This was of course the new coach, Sjoerd Marijne's first assignment after coming back as the chief coach of the women's side. With their major task for the week complete, they can look ahead to the rest of the week, starting with the semifinal against Italy on Friday.

With all jeopardy gone, the hosts played freely and it showed in their game as they despatched Wales 4-1. They had Navneet Kaur to thank as she scored a hat-trick in the big win. Kaur (29', 34', 55') led the attack with three goals after Sakshi Rana (7')'s early strike at the GMC Balayogi Hockey Ground. India's speed was on full display in the first quarter as they put immense pressure on their opponents with quick breakaways, despite a high press from the Welsh team. If they do manage to win the tournament, it will act as a confidence booster for a side that hasn't had too many to things to smile about in the last few years.

The World Cup is set to be held in Belgium and Netherlands in August.

# Tamil Nadu bag CK Nayudu Trophy

**ASHOK VENUGOPAL** @Chennai

AS Tamil Nadu secured their maiden Col CK Nayudu Trophy title, skipper Boopathi Vaishna Kumar is a happy man. Tamil Nadu U23 team beat Maharashtra by seven wickets on the third day of the summit clash at the NPR college grounds, Natham, Dindigul on Wednesday. With this, TN have completed the double having already won the U23 one-day trophy.

Teamwork and encouragement from the U23 coaches, in particular VRS Guru Kedarnath, helped the players step up at the big stage. "I am very happy to win the trophy. It is actually two trophies in one year (limited-overs too). I am really very happy and satisfied with the team performance," Boopathi told this daily.

The interesting part of the tournament is that there is no toss and the visiting team decides whether to bat or bowl first. "This tournament we did not have toss. Against Maharashtra, we were prepared to either bat or bowl first. I told the boys to have an open mind and be prepared to bat first or bowl.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

The victorious Tamil Nadu side celebrating their success on Wednesday | TNCA

# KIRAN PULLS OFF BIG WIN, SRIKANTH LOSES

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

KIRAN George pulled off a big victory over Loh Kean Yew to enter the men's singles second round of the ongoing Swiss Open at Muncheinstein, near Basel, on Wednesday.

After edging the first game, the shuttler from Kerala played with more confidence in the second game to complete the task against the World No 11 from Singapore. The Indian, ranked World No 41, won 23-21, 21-19 in 41 minutes.

Meanwhile, former World No 1 Kidambi Srikanth squandered one-game advantage against Jason Gunawan of Hong Kong to crash out. After conceding the first game, Gunawan won the match 15-21, 21-12, 21-4 in 52 minutes. Unnati Hooda, Tanvi Sharma and Ayush Shetty also lost to bow out.

Meanwhile, India's mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto stunned fourth seeds Jesper Toft and Amalie Magelund of Denmak in the opening round. The Indian pair won beat the World No 13 opponents in straight games (21-15, 21-14).

EXPRESS READ

### Boxers Priyansh and Ambekar advance

BANGKOK: Priyansh Sehrawat, L Ambekar and Sahil Duhan posted convincing wins as the Indian youth boxing team continued their impressive run on the fourth day of the World Boxing Futures Cup here on Wednesday. Priyansh (70kg) posted a 5-0 over Latvia. Ambekar (50kg) also secured a 5-0 victory over Tajikistan while Sahil (60kg) also recorded a 5-0 win against Tajikistan.

### Bhambri-Goransson pair reaches quarters

INDIAN WELLS: India's top doubles player Yuki Bhambri and his partner Goran Goransson advanced to the quarterfinals of the men's doubles event at the Indian Wells Masters after registering a straight-set win over the pair of Sander Arends and Jiri Lehecka. Bhambri and Goransson produced a solid performance to defeat Arends and Lehecka 6-4, 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinal clash.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

# *Yamal last-gasp goal denies Newcastle, Liverpool suffer loss*

**AGENCIES** @Paris

LAMINE Yamal's last-gasp penalty earned Barcelona a 1-1 draw at Newcastle United in the first leg of their Champions League last-16 tie on Tuesday, while Liverpool lost 1-0 to Galatasaray in Istanbul for the second time this season.

Atletico Madrid piled more misery on Tottenham Hotspur by winning 5-2 on a nightmare evening for visiting goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky, while Bayern Munich are all but through to the quarterfinals after thrashing Atalanta 6-1 in Italy. At St James' Park, Newcastle were heading for a night to savour when Harvey Barnes broke the deadlock on 86 minutes as he turned in a Jacob Murphy cross for his sixth Champions League goal this season. However, Barca were awarded a penalty deep in injury time when Dani Olmo was tripped by Malick Thiaw and Yamal — a peripheral figure throughout the game — converted with the last kick of the match in the 96th minute.

Barcelona's Lamine Yamal (L) celebrates after scoring against Newcastle | AP

### Bayern crush Atalanta

Bayern confirmed their status as one of the leading contenders to win the competition by crushing Atalanta in Bergamo, with Michael Olise in inspired form. Harry Kane played no part as Josip Stanisic tapped in an early opener and Olise applied a great finish to make it 2-0 midway through the first half.

**RESULTS:** Galatasaray **1-0** Liverpool; Atalanta **1-6** Bayern Munich; Newcastle **1-1** Barcelona; Atletico **5-2** Tottenham.

### Rana takes five wickets as B'desh crush Pakistan

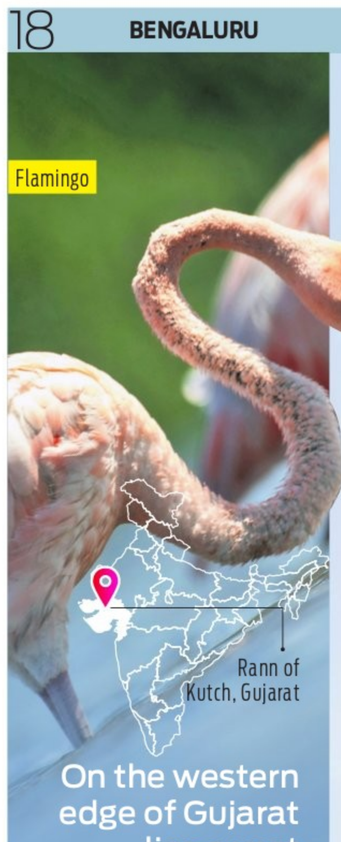
MIRPUR: Bangladesh pace sensation Nahid Rana claimed his first five-wicket haul in one-day internationals to lead his team to a crushing eight-wicket win over Pakistan in their opening match on Wednesday. Rana returned figures of 5-24 to skittle out Pakistan for 114, a total Bangladesh overhauled in 15.1 overs of the 50-over contest in Mirpur to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

This year, The Leela is set to venture into the Thar Desert, Rajasthan, with a new 30-acre luxury resort and spa in Jaisalmer

Radisson Hotel Ujjain, the 150-room, 5-star property located near the Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga Temple, to open soon

# Rann of Kutch

## BEYOND GUJARAT'S WORLD-FAMOUS UTSAV




On the western edge of Gujarat lies a vast white desert where villages contrast with bright colours and starlit skies stretch endlessly over a landscape that feels more lunar-like than the earth...

ISHA PARVATIYAR

THE moon might be nearly 4,00,000 kilometres away, but the *Rann of Kutch* makes it feel startlingly close. With its endless white salt flats stretching to the horizon, the second-largest salt flat in the world after *Salar de Uyuni* in Bolivia feels less like a comparison and more like a sibling in spirit. Walking across the White Rann can feel like strolling through a lunar landscape — silent, stark and almost magically surreal.

The first thing you notice as you drive out of Bhuj is how quickly the landscape empties itself. The roads grow quieter, the sky larger, the land flatter and the sunsets mesmerising. Babool trees stand scattered and somewhere between stretches of scrub and sudden openness, the earth begins to pale. Then suddenly, it turns white. Not sand, but salt — stretching endlessly, reflecting sunlight so fiercely it feels almost celestial. Spread across nearly 18,000 sq ft of desert terrain, with around 7,500 sq ft forming the famed White *Rann*, this is a landscape that feels both ancient and fleeting.

What makes it extraordinary is that it is never quite the same twice. During high tide, waters from the Arabian Sea push inland. Through the monsoon months, rainfall and overflowing rivers flood the low-lying land, with even waters drifting in from Sindh across the border. For a brief period, the *Rann* becomes a shallow wetland, rippling and reflective. Then the sun takes over. As temperatures soar, the water evaporates, leaving behind a thick crust of salt. The brilliant white desert that travellers wander across in winter is the residue of that cycle — reborn each year.

Beyond the hypnotic salt flats, villages breathe life and colour into Kutch. In Meghwal communities, artistry is woven into everyday existence. The men are skilled furniture-makers, carving intricate wooden pieces etched with geometric precision and folk motifs. The women practise *meghwal* embroidery, stitching vibrant threads and mirrors into textiles, famously *ajrakh* block printing and *shisha* work, that transform mud walls into vivid canvases of identity and pride.

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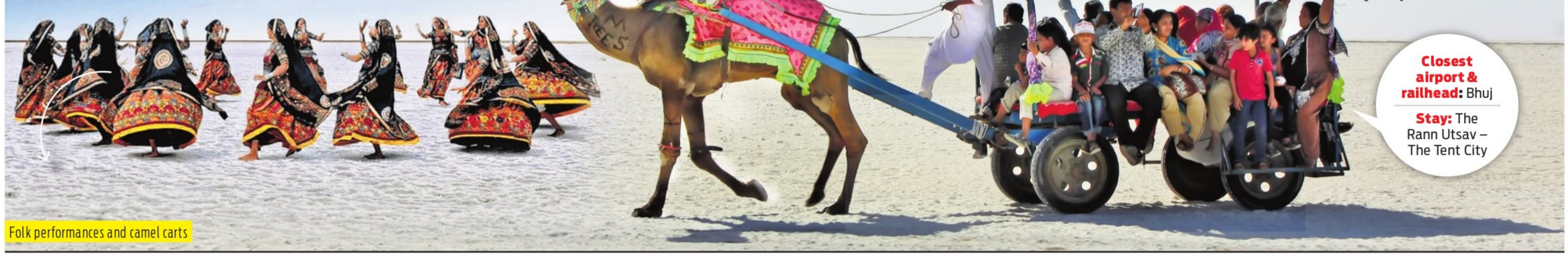
Drive through Ludiya Gaon, now known as Gandhi Nu Gaam and resilience becomes part of the narrative. After the devastating 2001 Gujarat earthquake, the village was rebuilt and later inaugurated by Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The traditional *bhungas*, circular mud homes with thatched roofs, are as intelligent as they are beautiful. Their rounded structure offers greater resistance during tremors, while thick mud walls naturally regulate indoor temperatures, keeping interiors cool in searing summers and warm on winter nights. One of the most cinematic stretches of this journey is along the road popularly called the *Road to Heaven*, officially known as Khavda-Khadir Road. This 30-kilometre stretch connects Khavda to Dholavira and runs in a near-perfect straight line through the white desert. A lake flanks both sides of the asphalt and during the right season, the shallow blue water contrasts dramatically with the pale salt land. The twin bands of mesmerising blue create a magnificent natural view, making the drive feel almost dreamlike. Dholavira, a *UNESCO World Heritage Site*, stands as one of the most remarkable excavated cities of the Indus Valley Civilization, its ancient reservoirs and urban planning still astonishing in their sophistication. Nearby, the *Wood Fossil Park* preserves fossilised tree trunks dating back millions of years, a reminder that this desert once supported a vastly different ecosystem. For a coastal shift, Mandvi Beach offers golden sands and the steady rhythm of waves along the Arabian shoreline.

We stayed at the Rann Utsav – The Tent City in Dhordo, where most travellers base themselves during their visit. As night falls, the Tent City transforms into a cultural showcase, including the Siddi community who perform tribal dance. Folk musicians from across Kutch gather under the open sky, turning the desert evening into a celebration of living traditions.

And when the performances quieten and the desert settles into stillness, another spectacle begins overhead. With virtually zero light pollution in the midst of the desert, stargazing here feels intimate and infinite at once. On clear nights, you can catch a glimpse of the Milky Way stretching across the sky, while guided telescope sessions help you trace constellations. In a place that already feels lunar, looking up only deepens the illusion — as though the boundary between earth and sky has quietly dissolved.



Folk performances and camel carts

**Closest airport & railhead:** Bhuj

**Stay:** The Rann Utsav – The Tent City

**DISCOVER THE TRUE GEMS OF KARNATAKA'S MOST FAMOUS COASTAL DESTINATION, GOKARNA, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS SHORES AND THE NIGHTLIFE THAT SURROUNDS IT**

# Beyond the beach

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

THE backpackers arrive with Om Beach on their lips and a hammock in their plans. Fair enough. But Gokarna has been quietly keeping secrets — cliff paths, marine spotting and ancient caves — and it saves them for the people who bother to look.

Start at Kudle Beach before the heat settles in, when the Arabian Sea is golden and the beach shacks are still shuttered. The clifftop trail heads south towards Om, Half Moon and eventually Paradise, a lesser-known route enriched with laterite rocks. The path narrows in places, the sea hammering the base of the cliffs below, cattle appear on ledges and fig and *kokum* trees grip the edges. Walk slowly because the views genuinely do not reward rushing and the best ones tend to arrive when you've stopped looking for them. By late afternoon, the fishermen at Om Beach will take you out. Set out on the painted wooden vessel with a captain who's been reading this particular stretch of water his whole life. Now they don't promise sightings, but if you are lucky, dolphins show up casually like old acquaintances, arching above the surface like a bow now and then, while jellyfish drift beneath the surface like illuminated paper lanterns.

Dolphin & Jellyfish watching

About 50 kilometres inland, an hour by road through forest that keeps getting denser, the Western Ghats reveal something that genuinely stops you mid-sentence. Two colossal spires of black karst limestone rise out of the jungle canopy: Bhairaveshwara Shikhara at 120 metres, Mohini Shikhara slightly shorter but no less imposing. The short forest trek from the car park arrives at their base, where a small Shiva temple sits at the foot of the larger formation. The Yana Caves are cool, dark and hold the particular quiet of places that have been visited for centuries. A stream that emerges from the cave called Chandihole eventually joins the Aghanashini River.

Gokarna was a Hindu pilgrimage town long before the first traveller pitched a tent on its beaches and that older identity sits just beneath the surface, but the town gives considerably more to those who treat the beach as a starting point rather than the destination.

Yana Caves

# EXPLORING KOCHI'S JEWISH QUARTER

SET in the heart of Mattancherry and more precisely, on the Synagogue Lane of Kochi, is the historic Jewish quarter. The reason it feels so distinctly European and a little as if you've stumbled into Lisbon's Alfama district is the layers of colonial history stacked on top of each other. The Portuguese inhabited the area around their fort, building churches and streets with Portuguese-style buildings, while the indigenous population continued life in what became the Mattancherry district.

Then the Dutch arrived, then the British and each left their mark on the architecture without entirely erasing what came before. Mattancherry holds pastel-coloured buildings, a spice market that has been exporting black pepper, cardamom, cinnamon and cloves for over 5,000 years and has an extraordinary concentration of different communities — mosques, temples, churches and a synagogue all within a short walk of each other.

Antique Souvenirs

Mattancherry Palace

**Built under the patronage of various foreigners is the entire story of Kochi in one city block...**

Synagogue Lane

Clock Tower

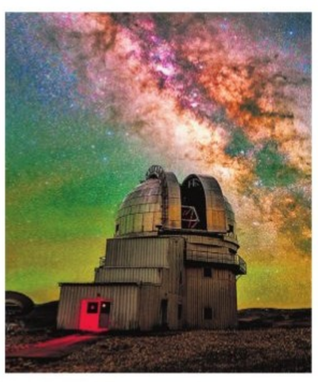
Built in 1568, this is the oldest active synagogue in the Commonwealth of Nations, not just in India. The floor alone is worth the entry: hand-painted Chinese blue-and-white willow-pattern tiles, each one slightly different, brought from Canton in the 18th century by a Jewish merchant named Ezekiel Rahabi. Look up and you'll find Belgian glass chandeliers catching the coastal light. The synagogue also houses Torah scrolls that are over a thousand years old. Adjacent to the synagogue, which most people walk straight past, is Mattancherry Palace. Inside, the Hindu murals depicting scenes from the *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata* are among the finest examples of Kerala mural painting. The juxtaposition of a Hindu palace sharing this space with a Jewish synagogue, both built under Portuguese and then Dutch patronage, is the entire story of Kochi in one city block.

The narrow lanes of this area are lined with antique shops overflowing with ivory, spices, brass lamps and colonial curios, set within pastel Dutch-era warehouses that once housed the pepper trade. Dig past the souvenir shops and you'll find dealers with genuine colonial furniture, old maps, Victorian brassware and ancient coins. At the dead end of Synagogue Lane stands a clock tower built in 1761, incorporating Dutch and local influences. Its three dials, show the time in Malayalam, Roman numerals, and Hebrew — a single object that tells you everything you need to know about Fort Kochi's layered history.

**STAY AT:** Ginger House Museum Hotel | **CLOSEST AIRPORT & RAILHEAD:** Kochi

## TRAVEL DIARY

### *Darkness unlocks Hanle's skies*



LADAKH's Hanle was barely a whisper on the traveller's map until recently. A new 91-kilometre BRO-built road now connects Hanle to Tso Moriri via Salsa La pass, unlocking two previously unreachable high-altitude lakes — Ryul Tso and Chilling Tso — for the first time. Now, foreign tourists may also stay overnight here, drawn by skies classified Bortle-1 — the darkest category possible, with around 10,000 visitors arriving for stargazing alone.

### *Kashmir's blooms draw crowds*

EACH spring, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden in Srinagar, Asia's largest, opens with over 1.5 million tulips across 60-plus varieties, spread across 30 hectares on the foothills of the Zabarwan Range, overlooking Dal Lake. Visit early April when varieties like Strong Gold, Candela, Kung Fu, Early Harvest and *Île de France* all reach peak bloom. Travellers can also shop for handicraft and handloom products from across the valley from the festival stalls.

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**DAY'S DIARY**

## March to Dandi

On this day in 1930, Mahatma Gandhi began the Dandi March aka Salt Satyagraha, a 240-mile protest against British salt taxes in India

**TAX ON TRADE OF SALT**

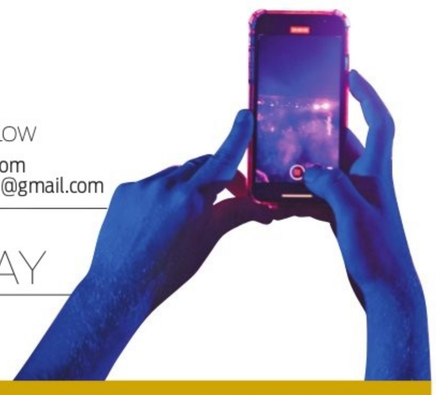
Britain's Salt Act of 1882 prohibited Indians from collecting or selling salt, a staple in their diet. Indian citizens were forced to buy the vital mineral from the British rulers

**TREK TO ARABIAN SEA**

Gandhi set out from his ashram at Sabarmati, Ahmedabad, with several dozen followers on a trek of 240 miles to the coastal town of Dandi on Arabian Sea

**ONE OF MANY**

The march was the first act in an even-larger campaign of civil disobedience (satyagraha) that Gandhi waged against British rule in India



*CE's curated list of happenings in B'luru*

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*Sanju is someone who maintains bonds. Whenever possible, we catch up. He hasn't changed. Everyone is genuinely happy for him because of this down-to-earth nature.*

Rahul Raghavan, a friend

# THE SAMSONS SHOW

**Post India's T20 World Cup win, *CE* explores the making of Sanju Samson and the force behind the resounding success**

Sanju with father Samson Viswanath

Sanju with his first coach Biju George

Sanju during a net session in 2010

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"*CHETTAN* 2026 *thookki*." (*Chettan* aced 2026)

This phrase alone could sum up Sanju Viswanath Samson's power-packed T20 World Cup campaign. Through the tournament, he did not merely perform – he lorded over. Cricket fans watching the India vs New Zealand final on Sunday noted the pattern that commentator Ravi Shastri, in his unmistakable baritone, pointed out. Every time India reached the final of a T20 World Cup, there was a player from Kerala in the squad. In 2007, it was S Sreesanth. In 2024, and now, it was Sanju. India won each of those finals.

This time, however, *Chettan* was not just part of the squad. He was at the heart of the story. From being repeatedly benched to smashing his way back into the reckoning, Sanju scripted a comeback worthy of every dreamer who refuses to quit.

His crucial runs in the last three high-pressure matches powered India into the final and ultimately toward the trophy. Winning the Player of the Tournament trophy only sealed this unforgettable campaign.

After being on the bench in the 2024 World Cup, this year, Sanju marched back into the top order with calm assurance and his ever-present smile, he delivered when it mattered most. Then came another moment for the history books.

He broke Marlon Samuels' record to register the highest individual score in a T20 World Cup final. Over the course of the tournament, he smashed 24 sixes – the most in a single T20 World Cup campaign – surpassing Finn Allen's previous record of 20. He also became only the third batter in history, after Virat Kohli and Shahid Afridi, to score a fifty in both the semifinal and the final of a T20 World Cup.

Sanju also became the highest-scoring Indian in a single edition of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, surpassing Virat Kohli's long-standing 2014 record of 319 runs.

The journey, however, had not been smooth. After a difficult New Zealand series earlier this year, Sanju was left out of the playing XI for a few matches. Rohit Sharma, the captain who lifted the trophy in 2024, walked up to him, hugged him and said: "Don't be disheartened. It's a long tournament. You will get your chance."

After receiving the Player of the Tournament award, he reflected on his journey: "Two years ago, when I was with the 2024 World Cup team in the West Indies, I didn't get to play a single game. But I kept visualising. I kept dreaming. I kept working.... I am proud I was courageous enough to keep dreaming."

### Practice – school – practice

At 31, Sanju's triumph stands as a message to every dreamer who refuses to abandon hope, no matter how arduous the road becomes. Because this victory did not begin inside a stadium. It began years ago at the Medical College ground in Thiruvananthapuram, where a young Sanju travelled nearly 25 km daily to attend practice.



The discipline, determination and humility he carried from those early days are precisely why he remains a darling of Indian cricket.

His childhood coach, Biju George, still remembers the effort the young boy put into his game. "Sanju, who was 11 at that time, would come along with his brother Sally to the Medical College ground for coaching. Every morning, he would take the 6 am bus to reach the ground. After practice, he would bathe under the tap there, change his clothes, and go straight to school," he recalls.

"In the same way, he would come directly from school in the evening for practice. That is how much hard work he had been putting in from that age. He was talented. I knew he was special, I was 100 per cent sure about that. His first turning point came after an outstanding performance in Under-13 cricket – Kolkata Knight Riders called him for a camp."

### One for friends and family

Former Kerala captain Raiphi Vincent Gomez, who later became a mentor and close confidant, recalls watching Sanju grow from a teenager into a leader. During the pandemic, when cricket across the world had come to a halt, Sanju would practise range hitting on the terrace of Raiphi's house. In the third T20 against Bangladesh in 2024, Sanju smashed five consecutive sixes. After the match, he acknowledged Raiphi's role. "We had discussed this many times – about hitting sixes," Raiphi says. "In 2010, I had done the same for the Kerala team. I knew Sanju could do much more at the international level. I gave him that idea, and he executed it well. He is an ace at six-hitting and range-hitting now."

He also highlights the role of Sanju's father, Samson Viswanath in shaping the 'special' cricketer. "From a very young age, Sanju had this discipline, sportsman spirit, and never-give-up attitude instilled by his father," Raiphi recalls. "That foundation is what helps him stay calm in every situation. His father deserves a lot of appreciation for that."

And the proud father is on cloud 9. "I knew he would do it," Samson gushes. "I knew he would become an integral part of the Indian team. He worked that hard for it." The man who first placed a bat in Sanju's hands when he was just three years old, still remembers the dreams he once carried.

"I introduced cricket to my two sons when legends like Sachin and Dravid were playing for India. It was my dream... I had once told Sanju that I had a vision of him being among India's top cricketers. I am overwhelmed seeing the world celebrate him today."

Rahul Raghavan, a close friend who played with Sanju from their early days, shares the same pride. He recalls one of the earliest signs of Sanju's brilliance. "Sanju amassed 972 runs in nine innings – a record that still stands in Kerala cricket," he says. "From the Under-13 days itself, we all knew this guy was very special. We knew he would reach somewhere big for sure."

Echoing the others, Rahul adds that he is certain that "this is only the beginning".

"He still has a lot more to do for India. He will." Amen to that!

## KNOW YOUR CITY

**Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.**

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1) Prathap VP; 2) Simon PM; 3) Jaikishan N

## Hot Spot

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO GETAWAYS AROUND THE CITY

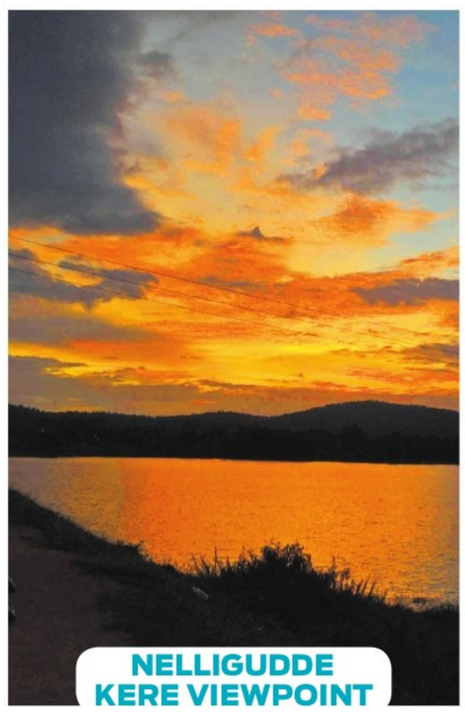
**DISTANCE FROM BENGALURU:** Approx. 40 km

**GETTING THERE:** Private vehicle, KSRTC buses

**TIMINGS:** Open 24 hours

**ENTRY FEE:** Nil

**BEST TIME TO VISIT:** Until April



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**NELLIGUDDE KERE VIEWPOINT**

**HIGHLIGHT**

Orange and pink hues spread across the sky as dusk settles over the landscape.

## CITY READ

### Engg students' design saves baby parakeets

Final-year aeronautical engineering students at Gopalan College of Engineering and Management (GCEM) designed a clever 3D-printed 'mother parakeet' feeder that helped save 46 tiny orphaned Indian parakeet chicks at a Bengaluru wildlife rescue centre. The device mimics a mother bird's posture and feeding style, reducing the stress on baby birds from syringe feeds and helping to preserve their natural instincts, paving the way for a healthy return to the wild.

## XPRESS FOCUS

# Kidney Disease – The Silent Killer We Often Ignore

**Dr. RAJEEV BASHETTY, Urologist & Dr. SUMA RAJU, Nephrologist**

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a progressive condition in which the kidneys gradually lose their ability to filter waste products and remove excess fluid from the body. Because the disease develops slowly and symptoms often appear only in advanced stages, it is commonly referred to as a "silent killer."

Healthy kidneys perform several vital functions, including filtering toxins from the blood, maintaining fluid balance, regulating electrolytes, and supporting blood pressure control. When kidney function begins to decline, these processes become impaired.

As kidney damage progresses, fluid may accumulate in the body, leading to swelling of the legs, breathlessness, cough, and difficulty lying flat due to fluid accumulation in the lungs. The build up of toxins in the bloodstream can cause nausea, loss of appetite, fatigue, disturbed sleep, and generalized weakness.

Unfortunately, by the time these symptoms become noticeable, significant and often irreversible kidney damage has already occurred. This makes early awareness and timely medical evaluation extremely important.

### Common Causes of Kidney Disease

Globally, diabetes and hypertension are the leading causes of End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), accounting for more than 75% of cases. Other important causes include: Glomerulonephritis (inflammation of the kidney's filtering units), Genetic conditions such as Adult Polycystic Kidney Disease, Structural abnormalities of the urinary tract, Chronic obstruction of urine flow.

Among these, urinary obstruction caused by kidney stones or prostate enlargement remains an important yet often overlooked contributor to kidney damage.

Dr. Rajeev Bashetty,

### How Kidney Stones Can Lead to Kidney Failure

Kidney stones do not usually cause ESRD directly. However, repeated or prolonged obstruction, particularly when associated with infection, can lead to permanent kidney damage.

When a stone becomes lodged in the ureter, it blocks the normal flow of urine from the kidney to the bladder. This results in increased pressure within the kidney, a condition known as hydronephrosis. The back pressure reduces blood flow to kidney tissue and interferes with its ability to filter waste products effectively.

If this obstruction persists without timely treatment, it can lead to irreversible scarring and gradual loss of kidney function.

Certain types of stones, particularly struvite stones, are closely associated with chronic urinary infections. Large stones known as staghorn calculi can occupy significant portions of the kidney and may slowly destroy kidney tissue without causing obvious symptoms for long periods.

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Kidney stones may eventually contribute to ESRD in situations such as:

- Recurrent untreated urinary obstruction
- Presence of large staghorn stones
- Repeated urinary tract infections
- Delayed or neglected medical treatment
- Prostate Enlargement and Kidney Damage

In older men, benign enlargement of the prostate gland is another common cause of urinary obstruction.

An enlarged prostate can interfere with normal bladder emptying, leading to urinary retention and increased bladder pressure. Over time, this pressure can be transmitted backward toward the kidneys, gradually damaging the delicate filtering units and leading to kidney scarring.

Chronic urinary retention also increases the risk of repeated urinary infections, which can further accelerate kidney injury.

The positive aspect is that symptoms of urinary obstruction often appear early. These may include weak urinary stream, straining while passing urine, frequent urination, and a sensation of incomplete bladder emptying.

Recognizing these symptoms early and seeking medical attention can prevent permanent kidney damage.

### The Importance of Early Detection

End-stage renal disease usually develops when urinary obstruction or infection is prolonged, recurrent, or left untreated. Early imaging studies, prompt treatment of kidney stones, relief of urinary obstruction, and effective management of infections can significantly reduce the risk of irreversible kidney damage.

Kidney disease often progresses silently, without obvious warning signs in its early stages. Ignoring urinary symptoms or recurrent infections can allow preventable kidney damage to progress. On this World Kidney Day, it is important to remember that protecting kidney health begins with awareness, early detection, and timely treatment.

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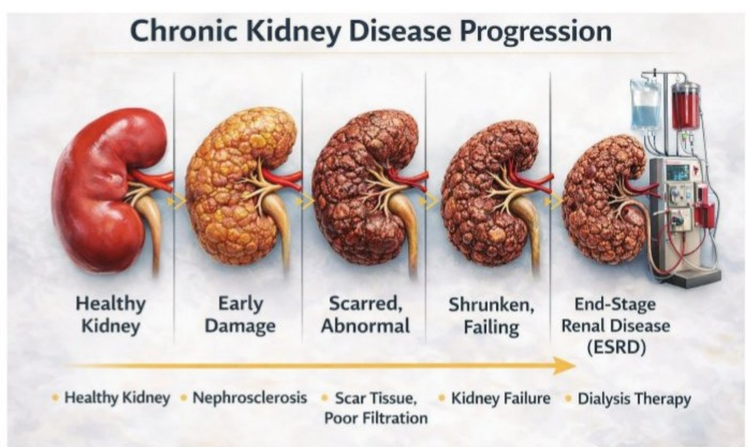

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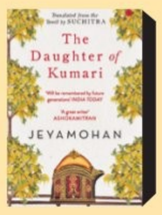
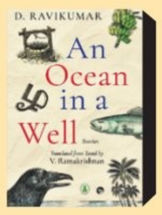



### The Daughter of Kumari
**by B Jeyamohan, translated by Suchithra Ramachandran**

A historical epic set in the 14th century, it follows the high-stakes mission from the kingdom of Venad to return Meenakshi, the idol of Madurai, to her homeland after a sixty-year-long invasion by Sultan Alauddin Khilji.




### An Ocean in a Well
**by D Ravikumar, translated by V Ramakrishnan**

A collection of short stories that explores the lives of ordinary men and women in the evolving land of Tamil Nadu facing caste-based violence, along with social, ideological and internal struggles.

### Absolute Jafar
**by Sarnath Banerjee**

A graphic novel that follows a father-son duo as they navigate life shaped by borders, bureaucracies and cultural inheritance.

### The Bucket
**by Arnab Ray**

A psychological horror-mystery novel about four friends whose lives take a 180-degree turn when they are confronted about a past that was drowned thirty years ago in a bucket.

**CAUGHT IN A REFLECTION**

A model tries on a jewellery during the Half-saree, Wedding and Celebrations exhibition by PMJ Jewels at The Ritz-Carlton, Residency Road | KEVIN NASHON

## QUICKFIX

# PANEER TACOS

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Taco shells:** 6
- **Paneer:** 200 g, cubed
- **Taco seasoning or chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Onion & tomato:** ½ cup, finely chopped
- **Lettuce:** ½ cup, shredded
- **Cheese sauce or mayo:** To drizzle

**METHOD**

- Heat a pan and sauté paneer with taco seasoning until lightly crisp.
- Warm taco shells as per packet instructions.
- Fill shells with lettuce, onion and tomato.
- Add spiced paneer cubes.
- Drizzle generously with cheese sauce or mayo.
- Serve immediately while the shells are crisp.

Contributed by **Aayushi YS**, Bengaluru

## WHATWHENWHYWHERE

### Ha Ha Ha!

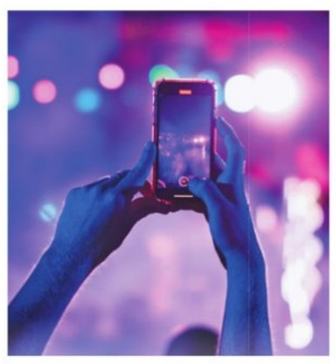
Watch a lineup of Kannada standup comedians perform original jokes and observations. The show features both new and experienced comics presenting different comedy styles. Through storytelling and punchlines, the performers share everyday experiences and cultural references, creating a live comedy experience for audiences interested in Kannada standup performances.

**WHEN:** March 12, 12pm onwards
**WHERE:** The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Beats of Tollywood

Dance to a mix of regional songs at this Telugu DJ night. The playlist will feature both classic and recent Telugu film hits throughout the evening. With continuous music and dance floor, take your loved ones who would enjoy Telugu film music and nightlife entertainment.

**WHEN:** March 12, 8pm
**WHERE:** Vapour Pub and Brewery, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Echoes of Rock

Listen to classic rock and retro hits at a tribute night dedicated to rock music. The DJ plays well-known rock anthems and timeless tracks from different decades, creating a space for fans to sing along and enjoy classic rock throughout the evening.

**WHEN:** March 12, 8pm
**WHERE:** Skydeck by Sherlock, MG Road
**CALL:** 90191 10142

### Bake your Slice

Make your own pizza at this hands-on cooking workshop. Participants are guided through preparing the dough, making the sauce, adding toppings and baking the pizza. The session introduces basic pizza-making techniques and allows participants to prepare and enjoy their freshly made pizza.

**WHEN:** March 12, 7pm
**WHERE:** Fabrizio Creative Activity Hub, BTM Layout
**CALL:** 73861 41621

### Punch & Train

Learn the basics of boxing at these beginner-friendly workshops. Participants are introduced to basic techniques such as striking, grappling and self-defence along with cardio and strength training exercises. The session is designed for people who want to try boxing and understand its training methods.

**WHEN:** March 12, 8.30pm
**WHERE:** NY Knockout Academy, Bilekahalli
**CALL:** 97312 64950

### Curious Minds

Discover science through interactive exhibits which blends learning and fun with hands-on experiments, puzzles and engaging demonstrations. Designed to spark curiosity in visitors of all ages, it encourages exploration of scientific concepts in a playful, accessible way, making science easy to understand.

**WHEN:** March 12, 12pm onwards
**WHERE:** Parsec, Jayanagar
**CALL:** 99806 25752

### Creative Afternoons

Children aged two to six can join these afternoon clubs designed around play-based activities. Sessions include storytelling, art, music, movement and simple science activities. The programme encourages creativity, interaction and exploration through guided group sessions where children take part in different themed activities during each club meeting.

**WHEN:** March 12, 4pm
**WHERE:** Coro Afternoon Club, Domlur
**DETAILS:** urbanaut.in

## MISS-FIT

**Wanitha Ashok**

*The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach*

### How valid is the joint-by-joint theory? How can it be incorporated in workouts?

- The joint-by-joint theory was popularised by strength training coach Gray Cook. It's a powerful and simple technique which states that the body is composed of alternating joints that need mobility or stability [to function correctly]. But here's a rough framework: The ankle, hip, thoracic spine and shoulders need mobility, while knee joints, the lumbar region and scapula need stability.
- When one joint does not do its primary job, the joint above or below has to compensate; that is where the problem starts. E.g: if you have a knee problem, the other two joints suffering would be the lower back or ankle. Whichever is weak will take the beating faster. Similarly, tight ankles will often lead to cranky knees and stiff hips will force your lower back to move more than it should.
- If the hip needs mobility, we'll have to do dynamic drills, controlled articular rotations, deep squat holds and lunge variations with rotations. This must be done with the guidance of a trainer.
- A session should have mobility prep for hips and thoracic spine and stability activation for core and scapula. This is followed by strength training and accessory workouts to reinforce control. Cool down is also essential.

ASK AN XPERT

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HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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## FITBIT

# DO YOU KNOW THE REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING HEALTHY AND BEING FIT?

**The terms healthy and fit are often used interchangeably, but they represent different aspects of well-being. While both contribute to overall wellness, understanding the distinction helps build a more balanced lifestyle.**

### What does being healthy mean?

Being healthy involves the overall functioning of the body and mind. It goes beyond exercise and includes several lifestyle factors that support long-term well-being.

### Key aspects of health include:

- **Balanced nutrition:** A diet that provides essential nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, proteins, fats and carbohydrates.
- **Mental well-being:** Managing stress, maintaining emotional stability, and supporting psychological health.
- **Adequate sleep:** Quality sleep supports recovery, memory and hormonal balance.
- **Hydration:** Proper fluid intake supports digestion, energy levels and temperature regulation.
- **Regular health monitoring:** Routine checks for blood pressure, cholesterol and other health indicators.
- **Social well-being:** Healthy relationships and emotional support contribute to overall health.

### What does being fit mean?

Fitness primarily refers to the body's ability to perform physical activities efficiently without excessive fatigue.

### Key components of fitness include:

- **Cardiovascular endurance:** The ability of the heart and lungs to sustain physical activity.
- **Muscular strength:** The capacity of muscles to exert force during movement or lifting.
- **Muscular endurance:** The ability to perform repeated physical actions over time.
- **Mobility:** The range of motion in joints and muscles that supports mobility and injury prevention.
- **Body composition:** The balance between muscle mass and body fat.

### Key difference between health and fitness:

- **Health:** A broad concept covering physical, mental and emotional well-being.
- **Fitness:** A specific component of health related to physical performance and exercise capacity.
- A person may be healthy without intense training and someone may appear fit but still neglect nutrition, sleep, or mental health.

Health and fitness are closely connected but not identical. Fitness represents physical capability, while health reflects a comprehensive balance of lifestyle factors that support the body and mind.

**By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform**

## ARTCORNER

### BREATHLESS EARTH

A multimedia work by Jalandhar artist Debopriya Rana captures the suffocating reality of escalating air pollution and environmental distress

THURSDAY
12•03•2026

## Music video raises awareness about realities of childhood schizophrenia

EXPRESS FEATURES

SCHIZOPHRENIA Isn't Just a Plot Twist – It's Someone's Reality is a poignant awareness initiative that uses music and visual storytelling to shed light on the lived realities of childhood schizophrenia, one of the most misunderstood and stigmatised mental health conditions. Drawing on early 2026 data shared by the Indian Psychiatric Society, the project underscores the scale of the challenge, with schizophrenia affecting an estimated 3.5 million people in India.

Conceived as an awareness music cover video, the initiative speaks out about a condition often reduced to whispers, stereotypes, or dramatic plot devices. Through symbolic scenes, clearly stated as non-literal, the video invites viewers to engage with schizophrenia as a disability that demands empathy, patience and informed support rather than fear or judgment.

Singer and performer Krishnadiya Ajith leads the narrative, supported by a creative team helmed by Renujanand and Arathi Nambiar, who handle concept, direction, story and screenplay. The production, mixed and mastered by SRJ Sooraj, and shot at the Alive India Studio, balances artistic sensitivity with responsibility, reinforced by a clear medical disclaimer and expert inputs from Dr Radhika.

More than a creative project, this initiative is a call to action, urging society to never misjudge symptoms, to listen without prejudice and to replace stigma with compassion, care and sustained support.

## XPRESS FOCUS

# IASbaba Shines in UPSC CSE 2025: AIR 1, Four Ranks in Top 10, 200+ Selections Nationwide

Mohan Kumar S (founder IAS Baba) with Karnataka Topper - Rank 53 Kiran Kamate

L-R : Varun Gowda (Rank 462), Praveena (Rank 720), Mohan Kumar S (IASbaba Founder), Sandeep Badad (Rank 82)

UPSC Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2025 results have been declared and, IASbaba has once again demonstrated outstanding performance, securing top ranks both nationally and in Karnataka. Anuj Agnihotri, a student of IASbaba's Prelims Test Series, has secured All India Rank 1. Similarly, Rajeshwari Suve M, who secured AIR 2, was also a Prelims Test Series student. In addition, Kiran Kamate, who received training for Prelims, Mains, and the Personality Test, secured AIR 53, becoming the top rank holder from Karnataka.

Adding to this remarkable achievement, Zinnia Arora (AIR 6), Monika Srivastava (AIR 16), and Diksha Rai (AIR 40) secured top positions, enabling IASbaba to achieve four ranks in the Top 20. This accomplishment highlights the institute's consistent excellence in mentoring successful civil servants. Overall, IASbaba secured over 20 ranks in the Top 200 and more than 200 selections nationwide, further strengthening its reputation as one of the country's most trusted institutions for civil services preparation.

In Karnataka, IASbaba delivered a particularly strong performance. Out of the 31 successful candidates from the state, 24 were associated with IASbaba, significantly contributing to Karnataka's representation in the Civil Services Examination. This achievement is especially significant as it coincides with a milestone in IASbaba's journey of mentoring and shaping India's future civil servants.

Mohan Kumar S, founder of IASbaba, congratulated the successful candidates and credited their results to the dedication of the faculty, the collaborative efforts of the team, and the determination of the students. He emphasized that IASbaba's integrated approach—combining academic rigor, analytical thinking, ethical grounding, and strong current affairs orientation—has played a key role in preparing aspirants to meet the evolving demands of the Civil Services Examination.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SNEHA SARSAN,** Mother of **ARYANA RAHUL SHANAR**, R/o Flat No. 301, Kruthika Height Apt, 6th Cross, Anjandari Layout Shettihalli Jalahalli, Bangalore - 560015, have permanently changed my daughter's name from **ARYANA RAHUL SHANAR** to **ARYANA THIMMAIAH MARI SRINIVAS**, vide affidavit dated 11/03/2026, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) YALLAVVA,** mother of NO.16126902K, NK, BASAVARAJ SIDARAY KALABEELAGI, residing at Arjunagi (Vill & Post), Babaleshwar (Tehsil), Vijayapura (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 586113, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) YALLAVVA KALABILAGI** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **VIDYAVATI DINNI** (old name) W/o **Ningappa Bannur** resident of No. 3390A/1, 5th Main 2nd Cross 2nd Stage, RPC Layout, Bengaluru -560040 have changed my name to **VIDYAVATHI NINGAPPA BANNUR** (new name) vide affidavit dated: 11/3/2026 Before Notary **Sakalesh Aradhya** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NALINI ROBERT XAVIER**, (D-O-B: 10/02/1958), W/o. Shri. Robert Xavier, resident of Flat No. 201 Umiya Willows, 9 Roger's Road, Richmond Town, Cox Town, Bengaluru- 560 005. KA India, have changed my name from **NALINI ROBERT XAVIER to NALINI ROBERT), vide affidavit dated: 11/03/2026, sworn before Notary Public, B. SESHAGIRI***, Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **NALINI ROBERT** for all future purposes.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NIKITA VIJAY GUPTA**, W/o Anand Bansal, R/o No.141 Krishna Vaitika, 4th Cross, 8th Main Gokula 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bangalore - 560054 have permanently changed my name from **NIKITA VIJAY GUPTA** to **NIKITA BANSAL** vide affidavit dated 11/03/2026, sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) SUSMITA P SURANNAVAR,** Spouse of NO.16126902K, NK, BASAVARAJ SIDARAY KALABEELAGI, residing at Arjunagi (Vill & Post), Babaleshwar (Tehsil), Vijayapura (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 586113, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SUSMITA BASAVARAJ KALABEELAGI** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, MAHALAKSHMI SHANKAR (New name), Residing at No.691, 10th A Main, 33rd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560011, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from MAHALAKSHMI H CHAVAN (Old Name) to MAHALAKSHMI SHANKAR (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as MAHALAKSHMI SHANKAR (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 10/03/2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SARODE SAURAVI NIVRUTTI,** (D-O-B: 28/07/1995), W/o. ANIL RAJENDRA GUNJAL, resident of No. FA-530, Dhruv Enclave, LBS Nagar Main Road, HAL, Vimanapura, Bengaluru- 560017, Karnataka India, have changed my name from **SARODE SAURAVI NIVRUTTI to SAURAVI ANIL GUNJAL, vide affidavit dated: 11/03/2026, sworn before Notary Public, B. SESHAGIRI,** Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **SAURAVI ANIL GUNJAL** for all future purposes.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**We, Smt. D Rekha and Sri Basavaraj,** residing at No. 1632, Ground Floor, B.S.K. 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block, Near Gubbalala Lake, Vrushabhavathi Nagar, Vajarahalli, Bengaluru - 560062, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor daughter's name from **GAVISHRI to LITIKSHA B** vide affidavit dated **28.10.2025** sworn to before **Omkarappa N.R.** Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, KUPPUSAMY AANDIYAPPAN, Father of No.JC-332861H, SUB MAJ, K RAVICHANDRAN, residing at VILLAGE: SOOCHINAGUDI, POST: SATHANI, TALUK: ILAYANGUDI, DIST: SIVAGANGAI, State: TAMIL NADU, PIN: 630709, Have Changed my **(OLD NAME) A KUPPU** to **(NEW NAME) KUPPUSAMY AANDIYAPPAN** And **DOB** from **01.07.1950** to **03.09.1950** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.03.2026 Sworn Before NOTARY MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, Lokesha P. B S/o Bhadraiah,** R/at #39, Paipalya, Jalapalya Post, Bhagyanagara (Bagepalli) Taluk, Chikkaballapur Dist, have changed my name and my father name from **Lokesha P. B, S/o Bhadraiah** to **Lokesha Veerabhadrappa,** S/o **Veerabhadrappa** vide affidavit dated 11/03/2026 sworn before Notary R. Jyshree, Bengaluru Rural District.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) SUSHMA KAMLESH** Residing at # U36, Ganesha Block, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUSHMA KAMLESH** to **(NEW NAME) SUSHMA KAMLESH KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 10.03.2026 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, B.A.,LL.B, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I **Muddasar Ahmed** aged 39 years S/o **Mr. Jameel Ahmed,** R/o No.19, 2nd Floor L. No.8th Street Shivajinagar Bangalore - 560051 My Surname mentioned in Passport **Jameel Ahmed** Instead of **Ahmed** My correct Surname name is **Ahmed** for all Document purposes Affidavit Date: 5.3.2026 Sworn Before Notary Mohamed Arshed Ahamed, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, NIKHIL RAO S/o. Bheema Rao** R/a Nandana Apartments, 12th Cross, AECS Layout, 1st Stage, Behind R.M.V Hospital, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore North, RMV Extension II Stage, Bangalore-560 094. I am also known, called, recognized in the names of **NIKHIL RAO and NIKHIL BHEEMA RAO** both these names refer to one and the same person i.e. myself only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **NIKHIL RAO,** vide affidavit dated 10-03-2026, before Notary Jalandhara, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, Vishwanath. G,** R/at Kannurahalli Main Road, M. V. Extension, Kuppanna Layout, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist: 562114, have changed my minor son name from **Dhanush V** to **Supreeth Vishwanath S/o Vishwanath. G** Vide affidavit dated 11/03/2026 sworn before Notary R. Jyshree, Bengaluru Rural District.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHRINIDHI SHASHANK MAYASANDRA BALAJI,** S/o Dr M S Balaji, age 34 years, R/at No.14, 10th Main Road, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore-560052 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SHRINIDHI SHASHANK MAYASANDRA BALAJI** and **M.B. SHRINIDHI SHASHANK, MAYASANDRA BALAJI SHRINIDHI SHASHANK** and **SHRINIDHI SHASHANK .M.B** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHRINIDHI SHASHANK MAYASANDRA BALAJI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

**NAME CONFIRMATION**
**I, T. R. Geetha,** W/o Ramesh T. S., R/@ No. 39/59, Govindappa Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560004, hereby declare that my name appears as T. R. GEEGHA in some of my official documents, while in the share certificate it is mentioned as GEETHA. I hereby confirm that **T. R. GEETHA and GEETHA** refer to one and the same person, and my correct name for all records, transactions, and future purposes is **T. R. GEETHA,** as per the Affidavit dated 12/02/2026 sworn before Notary & Advocate S. Vijay Kumar, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **GAJENDRA SINGH** F/o No.414510A, Rank:SUB, Name: **HARISH SINGH DAFOUTI**, residing at Vill-Simtoli, PO- Chamarthal, Teh-Bageshwar, Distt- Bageshwar, State- Uttrakhand, Pin-263619, have changed my name from **GAJENDRA SINGH DAFOUTI** (old name) to **GAJENDRA SINGH** (new name) vide affidavit dated: 11-03-2026 before Notary, Sivakumara M.N.Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AMRIN MAKHABOOLAHAMAD TILAVALLI** (New name), Residing at No.3, 3rd Floor, SS Mansion, 1st Main, 1st Cross, 9th A Main Road, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **AMRINBANU SAVANUR** (Old Name) to **AMRIN MAKHABOOLAHAMAD TILAVALLI** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **AMRIN MAKHABOOLAHAMAD TILAVALLI** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 07/03/2026, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mrs. Nandini Sanjay,** age 43 years, W/o of Sanjay K S, r/at No.887, Corporation Bank Road, Telephone Exchange, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore 560092, do hereby declare that my daughter's name **Siya S S** (old name) is changed to **Siya Sanjay** (new name) vide affidavit dated 21st Feb 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H. Sridhar Rao** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, BHARGAVI M,** W/o. H Murali Mohan, Age 43 years, Residing at No.899, 18th Main, 5th Block, Near Karur Vysya Bank, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHARGAVI S TO BHARGAVI M** . vide affidavit dated 02/03/2026 sworn before advocate & Notary N. Sandhya, Bengaluru.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **Smt. Saraswati Vigneshwar Shastri**, W/o. Vighneshwar S Shastri, No. 1, Savi, 9th Main, 13th A Cross, Near Rama Mandira, Vyalikaval - 560 003, hereby declare that my correct and legal name is **Saraswati Vigneshwar Shastri** as per my Aadhar card bearing Aadhar No. **4608 6014 0214** and PAN Card bearing No. **AOHPS4063G.** I state that my name appear in such records as **Saraswati V Shastry, Saraswathi V Shastry, Saraswathi V Shastri, Saraswathi V Shastri, Saraswathi Vigneshwara Shastri, Saraswathi Shastri** all the names are referring to one and the same person i.e., myself, **Smt. Saraswati Vighneshwar Shastri** vide affidavit dated 11.06.2026 sworn before Veena .K, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **SUNDER NARASIMHAN, aged about 60 years, S/o. Narasimhan Narayanan, residing at # B-7, Staff Quarters, St. John's Medical College Hospital, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100, hereby declare that SUNDER NARASIMHAN and N SUNDER,** Both the names belong to one and the same person i.e., myself only. And continue my name in future as **SUNDER NARASIMHAN** vide affidavit dated: **11.03.2026** before Advocate and Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **JAYANTHI SURESH RANGASWAMY,** W/o Suresh Chandran Durai Swamy, age 64 years, R/at Villa No. 318, Daddys Garden Phase-2, Kammasandra Road, Hebbagodi Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAYANTHI PRABHA R** (old name) to **JAYANTHI SURESH RANGASWAMY** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **JAYANTHI SURESH RANGASWAMY** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **R. SITARAM PRASAD**, S/o. Ramamurthy Sreekantiya, aged about 50 years, residing at 001, Shri Ganesha Apartments, KT 33, Purvaja, 90 East Park Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **R. SITARAM PRASAD** to **R. PRASAD,** vide affidavit dated 09.03.2026, sworn to before K.S. Giridhar, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **G CHANNAKRISHNAPPA**, son of Ganganjinappa aged about 51 years, residing at Lakshmipura, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560097, have changed my name from **CHANNAKRISHNAPPA to G CHANNAKRISHNAPPA** for all purposes affidavit dated 16/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary N. Mahesha, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **AKASH THIMMAIAH PRAKASH,** S/o Prakash Thimmaiah, age 38 years, R/at #22, Totanahalli, Nelamangala Taluk, Thyamagondlu Hobli, Totanahalli PO, Billanakote, Bengaluru Rural-562 111 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AKASH TOTANAHALLI PRAKASH** (old name) to **AKASH THIMMAIAH PRAKASH** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **AKASH THIMMAIAH PRAKASH** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **GAVARA SHIVA SHANKAR MOHAN KUMAR**, residing at Flat No. 102, 2nd Floor, Sai Siri Kuteer Apt, Somasundarapalya, Main Road, HSR Layout Sector-2, Bengaluru 560102, hereby state that in my daughter **GAVARA JOSHMITHA** school record father name is mentioned as **G S S MOHAN KUMAR** instead of **GAVARA SHIVA SHANKAR MOHAN KUMAR**, Mother name is mentioned as **S SHOBA** instead of **GAVARA SHOBA** and my daughter name is mentioned as **G JOSHMITHA** instead of **GAVARA JOSHMITHA**. Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 07-03-2026 before Notary K.V. Mani, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Lakshmi Prakash,** (old name) aged 57 years W/o Late. **Lakshmana Prakash** resident 12 Vasishta 1st B Cross V R Garden LIC Colony Yehwatpura Bangalore-52, have changed my name to **Lakshmi Karanam** (new name) vide affidavit dated:11/3/2026 Before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, RAMESH ANNASAB LATTHE**, S/o Annasab Latthe, residing at Manohar Building, No.130, 3rd Cross, Banashankari Temple Backside, Kavika Layout, Bengaluru-560026, have changed my minor Daughter's Name from **DHRUTHI LATTHE to DHRUTHI RAMESH LATTHE** Vide affidavit dated 10.03.2026 sworn before Notary Prakasha.C, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **RAVIKIRAN NARAYANA** S/o Sri Narayana B M, age 51 years, R/at Flat No.B-001, Bel White Square, B.E.L. Layout, Vidyaranyapura Main Road, 4th Block, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 097 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NARAYANA RAVIKIRAN (old name) to **RAVIKIRAN NARAYANA** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAVIKIRAN NARAYANA** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ROOPESH ESHWAR REDDY** S/o Late Eshwar Reddy, aged about 49years, Residing at No. 23/1, Sy No. 31, Meenakshi Enclave, Next to Vagdevi College, Nandhini Enclave Layout, Halasahalli, Gunjur Post, Bangalore-560087 have changed my name to **E ROOPESH REDDY** vide affidavit dt. 11/03/2026 before Notary **Meer Hassan,** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mr. DENSON DAVID,** S/o Mr. Yesudas, age 39 years, R/at G11, Lewis Glorious Essel Garden, Near Ekya School, Doddagubbi main Road, Kothanur Post, Bengaluru-560 077 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **DENSON DAVID** and **DENSON DAVID Y** are one and the same and refers to myself, **DENSON DAVID S/o Yesudas,** vide affidavit dated 9th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Y.R. CHANDRASEKAR** at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, Atheq Ahmed,** S/o Basha Shaib, Aged about 55 years, R/at No. 2, 17th A Cross, Ibrahim Saheb Street, Near Masjid Al Kareem, Rashad nagar, Nagawara, Arabic College, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 045, have changed my name from **BASHA SHAIB ATHEQ AHMED** to **ATHEQ AHMED,** vide affidavit dated 11/3/2026 sworn to before Jayaramaiah Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, PUSHPALATHA BABU,** Aged about 49 years, W/o. MANI JANAKIRAMAN, Residing at: NO.120, 7TH CROSS, VIJAYA BANK COLONY, NEAR GAYATHRI TEMPLE, BASAVANAPURA MAIN ROAD, KRISHNARAJAPURAM, BANGALORE - 560036. I declare that below mentioned **PUSHPALATHA MANI, PUSHPALATHA** and **PUSHPALATHA BABU** all names are same and belongs to the same person that is me, and Henceforth I shall be known as the **PUSHPALATHA BABU** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 11/3/2026 sworn to before Nijagunaradhya T C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Smt. Vidhyashree.V,** D/o M. R. Venkatesh, Aged about 24 years, Vinayaka layout, Nilaya, Bodhi Maragondanahalli, Krishnarajapura, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru- 560036. The Hon,ble Court IN THE COURT OF and SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH 15) AT BANGALORE. O.S.No.3748/2025 decreed that the defendants are directed to change the name of the father and mother of the plaintiff No.2 as **Venkatesh M.R** instead of **Venkatesh M.R Boudh** and **Sumithra.S.Y** instead of **Sumithra.S.V** in the educational records of the plaintiff No.2, Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the 12/1/2026 By Order of the Court Deputy Register City Civil Court Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**We, (1) Mr. BASAVARAJU,** aged about 29 years, S/o Sri.Oneappa and **(2) Mrs. PUSHPA.L,** aged about 29 years, W/o Mr.Basavaraju, both residing at 2nd Cross, N.G.R Layout, Roopena Agrahara, Bengaluru Urban, KARNATAKA - 560068, have changed our minor daughter's name from **THUNGA PUSHPARAJ. B** to **YASHMITARAJ.B,** vide affidavit dated 10/3/2026 sworn to before H S Sakalesh Aradhya Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **Mr. GOVINDARAJU,** S/o. Venkatappa, aged about 43 years, residing at No.289/1, Bhoohalli, Ramanagar, Karnataka - 562138, I have change my name from **"GOVINDRAJU"** to **"GOVINDA RAJU"** vide Affidavit dated 05-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Manjunath .T,** Bengaluru Urban.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**
I, **SHIVARAJ BHUSANUR** R/a. No. C-902, 9th Floor, Plama Heights Apartment, Hennur Main Road, Hennur, Bengaluru North, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560043 hereby declare that **Shivaraj** alias **Shivaraj Bhusanur** both these names are belongs to me. I hereafter shall be recognized as **Shivaraj Bhusanur** as in my Aadhar Card for all my further documentation. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, Prakasha C., Bengaluru-560079 vide affidavit dated 10th March 2026.

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Thank you Infant jesus for helping my husband to get all settlements without delay after retirement,and for all additional graces, mercies and blessings bestowed on me and my family thru your intercession to the Heavenly Father., Seeking your blessings always.
TREESA JOSEPH AND JOSEPH GEORGE

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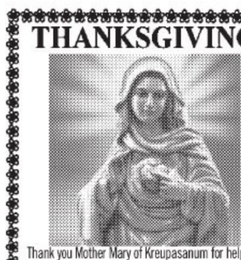
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# *Aruvi* star Aditi Balan joins Hemanth M Rao's *666: Operation Dream Theatre*

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ADITI BALAN has been cast as Agent Kaveri in filmmaker Hemanth M Rao's spy drama *666: Operation Dream Theatre*. She joins the previously announced cast, including Shivarajkumar and Dhananjay and along with Priyanka Mohan as the female lead. Aditi, who worked briefly as a lawyer before acting, gained national fame with her debut in Aruvi. She later starred in *Padavettu* and *Captain Miller,* where she received praise for her ability to portray complex and powerful characters.

The first look at Agent Kaveri has sparked interest. Clad in a simple saree and holding a gun, she gives off an air of quiet authority. Her presence feels subtle yet dangerous, suggesting that her character may have hidden depths.

The team behind *666: Operation Dream Theatre* has been revealing characters one by one, each introduction offering a peek into the film's secretive world. Previously, Shivarajkumar appeared as Agent Prakash, a name that references the legendary spy role portrayed by Rajkumar in the classic Operation Diamond Racket.

Actor Dhananjay has also joined as Agent Shankar, further expanding the film's lineup and raising excitement about the interconnections among these characters. Produced by Dr Vaishak J Gowda under Vaishak J Films, the project also features Priyanka Mohan in a significant role.

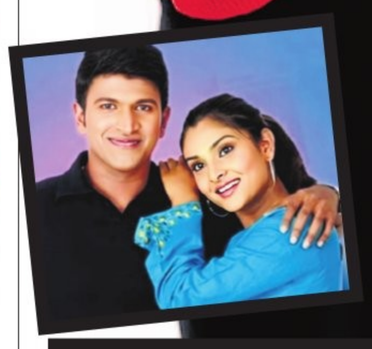
The film has just finished its fifth shooting schedule and is moving on to the next phases of principal photography before post-production commences.

The crew includes composer Charan Raj, cinematographer Advaitha Gurumurthy, production designer Vishwas Kashyap, and costume designer Inchara Suresh.

Designed as a large-scale production, this spy drama is set to be released in both Kannada and Telugu, with a theatrical debut aimed for the second half of 2026. With the addition of Agent Kaveri, the film's roster of operatives grows, hinting at a mission that could hold many surprises.

Aditi Balan

**The spy drama, featuring Shivarajkumar and Dhananjay, adds Aditi Balan as Agent Kaveri, bringing a fresh twist to the ambitious espionage story**



# 'PUNEETH RAJKUMAR BROUGHT MY VISION ALIVE'

**PRK Productions plans a special re-release of *Akash*, the 2005 romantic drama, this week, to mark Puneeth Rajkumar's birth anniversary. Director Mahesh Babu revisits working with the late star, the film's lasting appeal, and what he feels is missing in today's filmmaking**

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AKASH'S return to theatres celebrates memories and legacy. Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar-led PRK Productions are bringing the film back to theatres on March 13 to honour Puneeth Rajkumar's birthday (March 17). The film was a significant milestone in Puneeth's career as a lead actor. Directed by Mahesh Babu, *Akash* features Puneeth alongside Ramya in a story about a young man from a humble background who falls in love with a wealthy girl. The romance develops into family drama and emotional moments that resonated with audiences. The film also featured notable performances by Ashish Vidyarthi, Avinash, Kishore, and Pavitra Lokesh.

Produced by Parvathamma Rajkumar under Sri Chakreshwari Combines and distributed by Vajreshwari Combines, the film had music by RP Patnaik, cinematography by Prasad Babu, and editing by S. Manohar. The story was written by Janardhana Maharshi with dialogues by M S Ramesh.

Two decades later, the response to its return shows the affection fans still have for the late star. Advance bookings opened on March 9, generating immediate excitement. Bengaluru's Narthaki Theatre sold out its first show within minutes, while Mysuru recorded several booked shows.

For Mahesh Babu, the re-release is also a chance to revisit his early days working with Puneeth. "Puneeth had already begun his journey as a hero with *Appu*. When we made *Akash*, his fifth film, he was still relatively new as an actor. He was like a blank page," the director says. "He never interfered with a director's work. Instead of imposing his own image into every film, he would bring the director's vision through his acting."

The director reminisces on his filmmaking journey. "While assisting on films, I became a director within three months. There was hardly any struggle. It was luck and also the faith that the banner placed in me. When the film was released, the audience returned that faith. That's why the film is remembered even today."

Mahesh believes that a director's first big success shapes the rest of their journey. "The most important thing is that the director should win with their first film. That win takes you a long way. For me, two films became that brand: *Akash* and *Arasu*."

The film has also received technical upgrades for its return to theatres. The original negative has been restored and improved with a 7.1 surround sound mix and DI process, creating a refreshed theatrical experience. Among the songs, Mahesh mentioned that '*Neene Neene*,' composed by RP Patnaik, was one of Puneeth's personal favourites.

Mahesh also discussed the current state of the industry, and feels that filmmaking has changed a lot. "Today, many films target the pan-Indian market and shoots stretch to 150 days. Back then, we finished *Akash* in just 55 days even when working with negatives," he says, adding, "Big spectacles like Kantara or KGF are important, but not every film has to carry that weight."

He also believes that experience should still matter in the industry. "Sometimes, senior directors aren't approached. Producers think that fresh directors are more modern. But a director is a director. If the content and visual style are right, any filmmaker can deliver. In my view, producers must be smart with their investments. Big budgets alone don't make big films. They must invest wisely because content decides success."

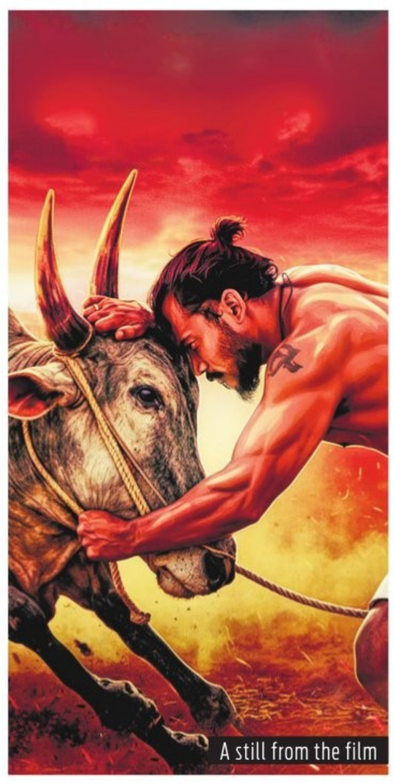
Mahesh Babu



On the sets of Akash



# Director Girish SM's debut titled *Maha Kaaliputra*



A still from the film

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NEW talent Girish SM has announced his first Kannada film, titled *Maha Kaaliputra*. He will direct and produce the project under his banner, Tirupati Tirumala Productions. The film's title was recently launched at a small event, marking the start of the project.

Girish shared the idea behind the film, explaining that the story is meaningful to him. "I am basically a farmer, and now I have come to make a film about farmers," says the filmmaker, pointing out that *Maha Kaaliputra* refers to a devotee of the goddess. "In earlier days, farmers would begin their day by praying to the goddess before heading to the fields. In the film, we show the farmer as the son of the goddess."

The director mentioned that the film carries a message about the value of farmers in society. He pointed out that farmers work with honesty and dedication, feeding the entire country with their hard work. "Today, the same farmer does not always get the respect and recognition he deserves," Girish says, adding that the film will highlight the importance of those who work the land.

The story will also link the farmer who grows food to the soldier who protects the country. "There is a connection between the two, and audiences will see how it unfolds on screen," he adds.

Girish says the film will show how farming has changed over time, and include elements of rural life, such as raising bulls for farming and later using them in races. The team plans to start shooting on March 15 in and around Bengaluru. The film aims to be a pan-Indian project, with actors from different language industries expected to join the cast.

Girish Gowda has written the screenplay. The makers are aiming for a Dasara release. The team is also planning to film a real village fair in Shivamogga for authenticity. The film will feature one song composed by Rahul Vastar, and Keerthan Poojari will handle cinematography.

# Bon Jovi biopic in development

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A musical biopic based on the iconic rock band Bon Jovi is currently in the works after Universal won a bidding war to develop a feature film. Led by Jon Bon Jovi, the band is best known for hits like '*Livin' on a Prayer*', '*You Give Love a Bad Name*', and '*It's My Life*'.

Screenwriter Cody Brotter, who also penned the upcoming crypto thriller *Killing Satoshi* starring Pete Davidson and Casey Affleck, has been tapped to write the screenplay.

The details about the director, cast and plot are yet to be revealed.

The band's founding members include singer Jon Bon Jovi, keyboardist David Bryan and drummer Tico Torres, who are still part of the group. Guitarist Richie Sambora left the band in 2013, while bassist Alec John Such departed in 1994 and died in 2022.

# Kathryn Hahn joins live-action *Tangled*

CONFIRMING speculations, Kathryn Hahn has revealed that she will be playing the main antagonist, Mother Gothel, in the live-action *Tangled* film. As reported earlier, Australian actor Teagan Croft (*Titans* and *True Spirit*) and Milo Manheim (Disney Channel's *Zombies*) have been cast as Rapunzel and Flynn Rider, respectively. Kathryn Hahn was last seen in series like *The Studio*, *WandaVision* and its spinoff, *Agatha All Along*, in which she played the titular role. Helmed by *The Greatest Showman*-fame Michael Gracey, the upcoming film has been scripted by Jennifer Kaytin Robinson, who is best known for *Thor: Love and Thunder*. The 2010 original film had Mandy Moore voicing Rapunzel, Zachary Levi voicing Flynn Rider, and Donna Murphy lending her voice to Mother Gothel.

# *'We fetishise dystopia due to ignorance'*

**Filmmaker Dibakar Banerjee talks about his dystopian drama *Tees*, the reasons that the film was shelved, his perspectives on art and dystopia**

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WHILE one might not think of masala cinema and filmmaker Dibakar Banerjee in the same sentence, his film, *Tees*, is a unique masala film. Switching through different timelines, the film jumps back and forth between a dramatic story in 1989, which happens right before the Kashmiri insurgency, a romantic drama centred on an interracial homosexual couple in 2019, and a dystopian techno-centric film set in 2042. Starring Manisha Koirala, Huma Qureshi, Shashank Arora, Kalki Koechlin, and Naseeruddin Shah, the film was made for streaming, but was shelved after completion of production. In this exclusive conversation with CE, Dibakar talks about the various aspects of *Tees*, and his perspective of art and dystopia.

**Excerpts:**

**How did *Tees* even begin? What prompted you to go down this road?**

There isn't one specific inspiration for making the film. During 2019-20, I wanted to tell a story for people to watch along with their family. Specifically, the post-modern family of the 2020 era. This particular story about the quintessential universal Indian family, is something that connects Indians across the board like no other. We have a deep connection between our consciousness and the society, in a personal lens. Yet, everybody comes together socially and has an effect on each other across generations.

**Something that is on the rise now is creators practising self-censorship. Did you have to grapple with it?**

I agree with you, and this is what it is. But a more fruitful discussion would be asking questions like why is art present in society? And why do we do art? These are questions to be asked by artists themselves, not anyone else. We also have to debate on what art does for us? Why do we feel compelled to do it under all circumstances against all odds? What defines us as humans? Once you start asking all these questions, I think that is a better way of squaring up and facing these times.

**Was the storyline of the cookbook and its eventual censorship struggles in the dystopian storyline, a way to challenge the definition of dystopia?**

I think we fetishise dystopia. I think we live with the delusion that a dystopia will happen in an imaginary future. Somehow by the law of storytelling, we think that we are safe from that dystopia, because we are watching it. As members of the middle class, we are told and taught to unsee many things, so that we remain safe and survive. While a dystopia may be defined in a certain manner, this aspect is also connected to class interest. So everybody who is reading this, along with you and I, are connected by way of our backgrounds being a westernised English speaking middle class. This class is sitting in a key decision making position, and to a large extent directs the future of this country. So when we feel snug while watching a dystopian story on screen, we miss what is happening around us.